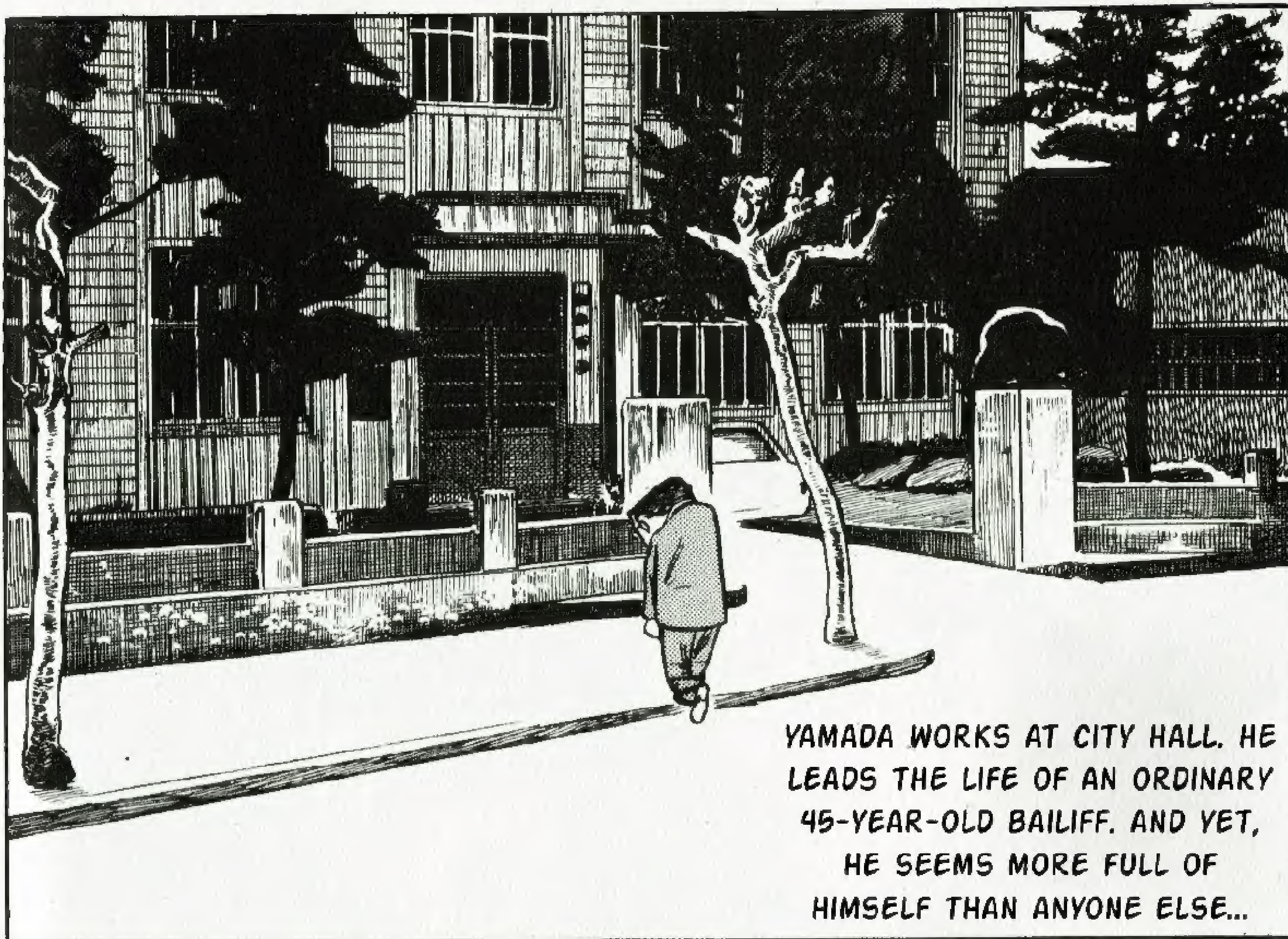


不思議の手帖

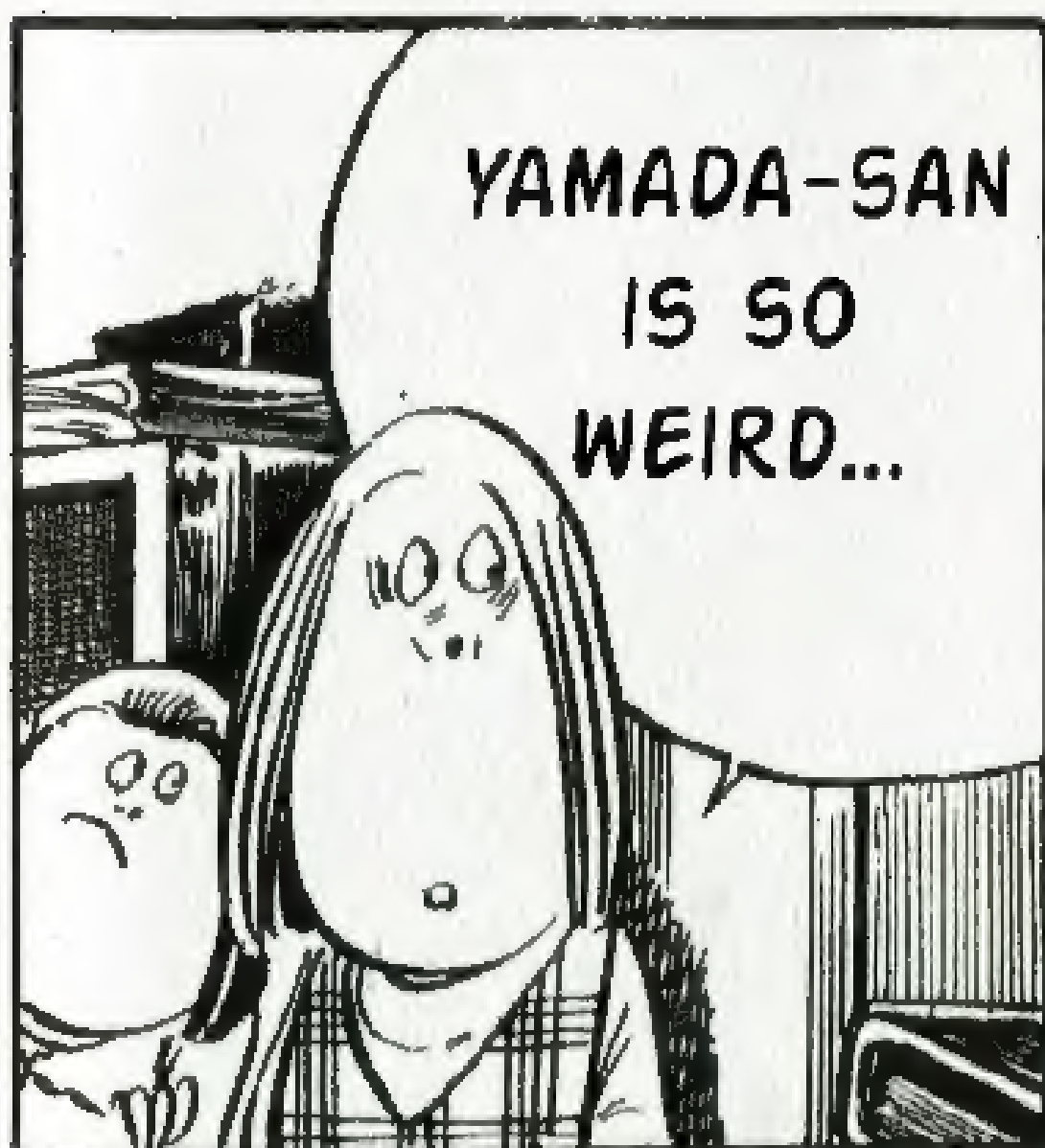
THE MIRACULOUS NOTEBOOK

PRESENTED BY SHIGERU MIZUKI

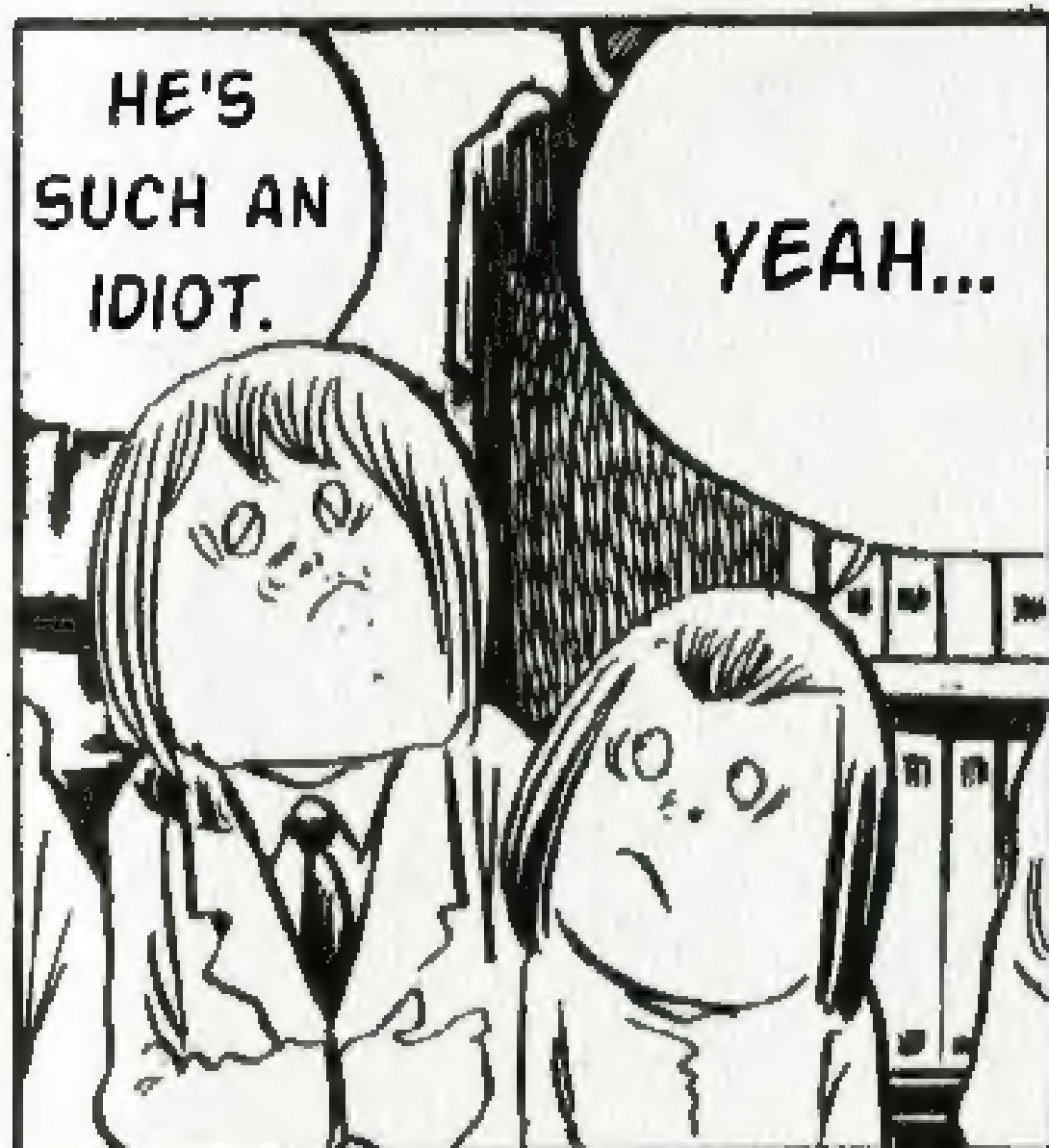




YAMADA WORKS AT CITY HALL. HE
LEADS THE LIFE OF AN ORDINARY
45-YEAR-OLD BAILIFF. AND YET,
HE SEEMS MORE FULL OF
HIMSELF THAN ANYONE ELSE...

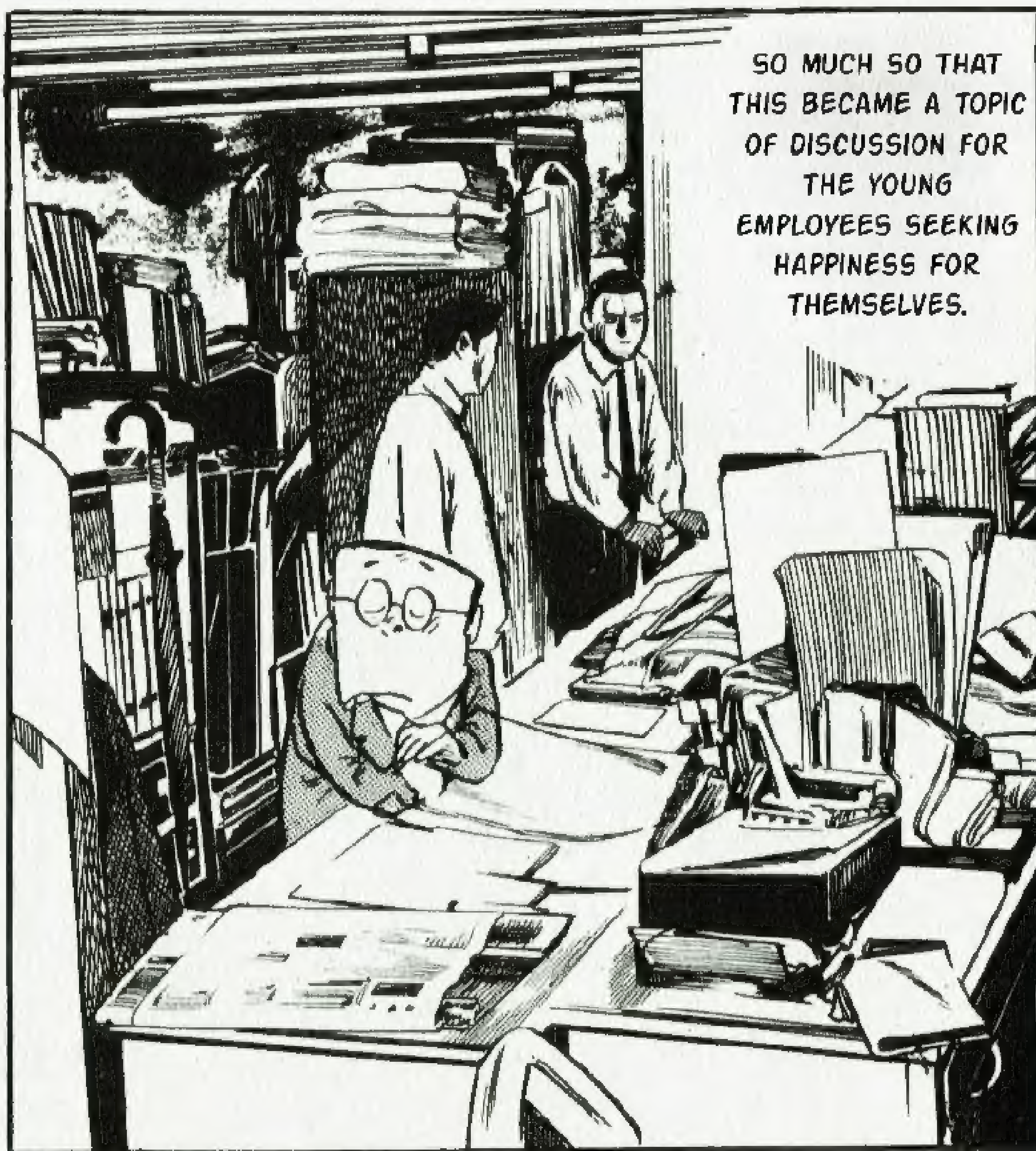


YAMADA-SAN
IS SO
WEIRD...

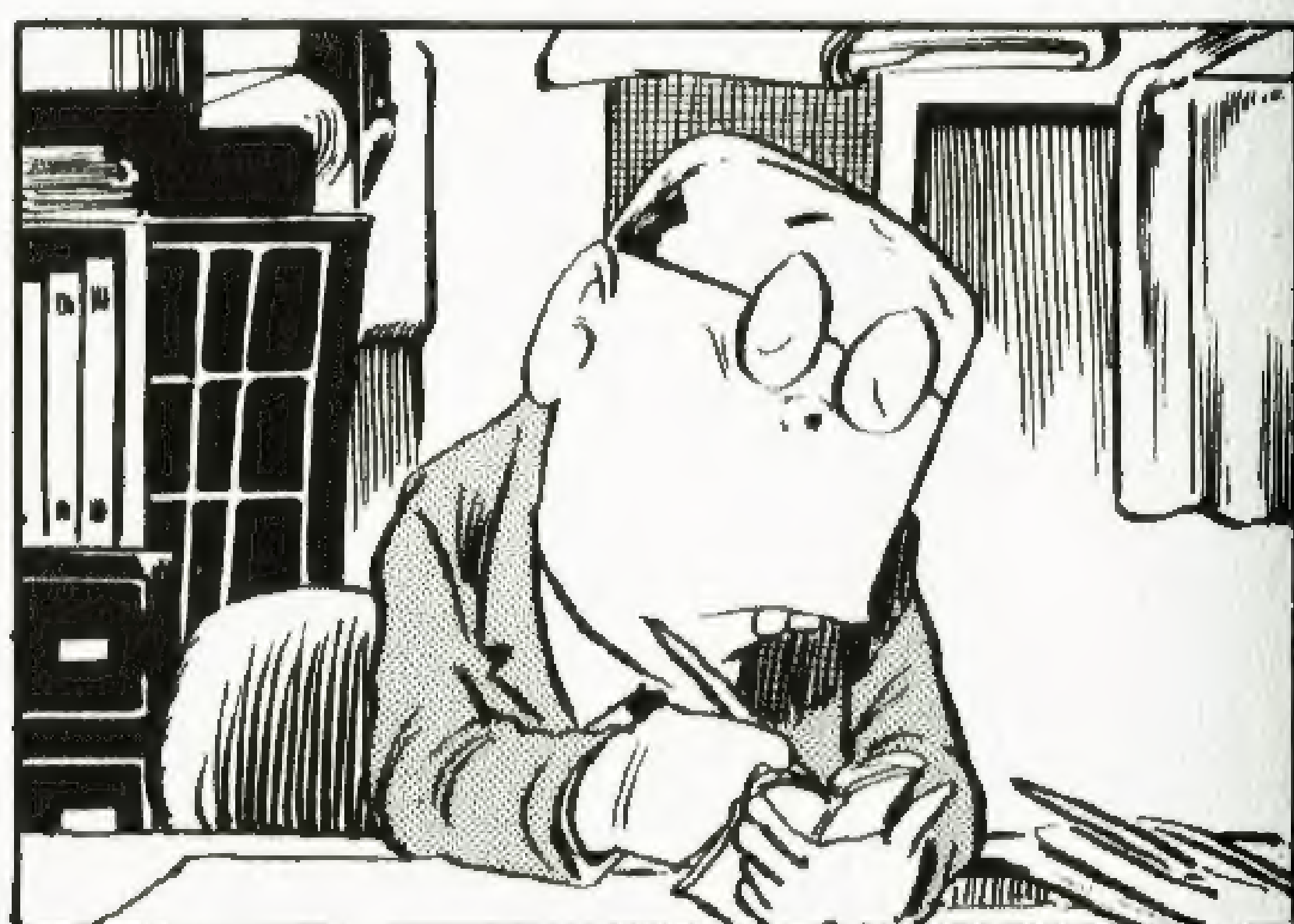
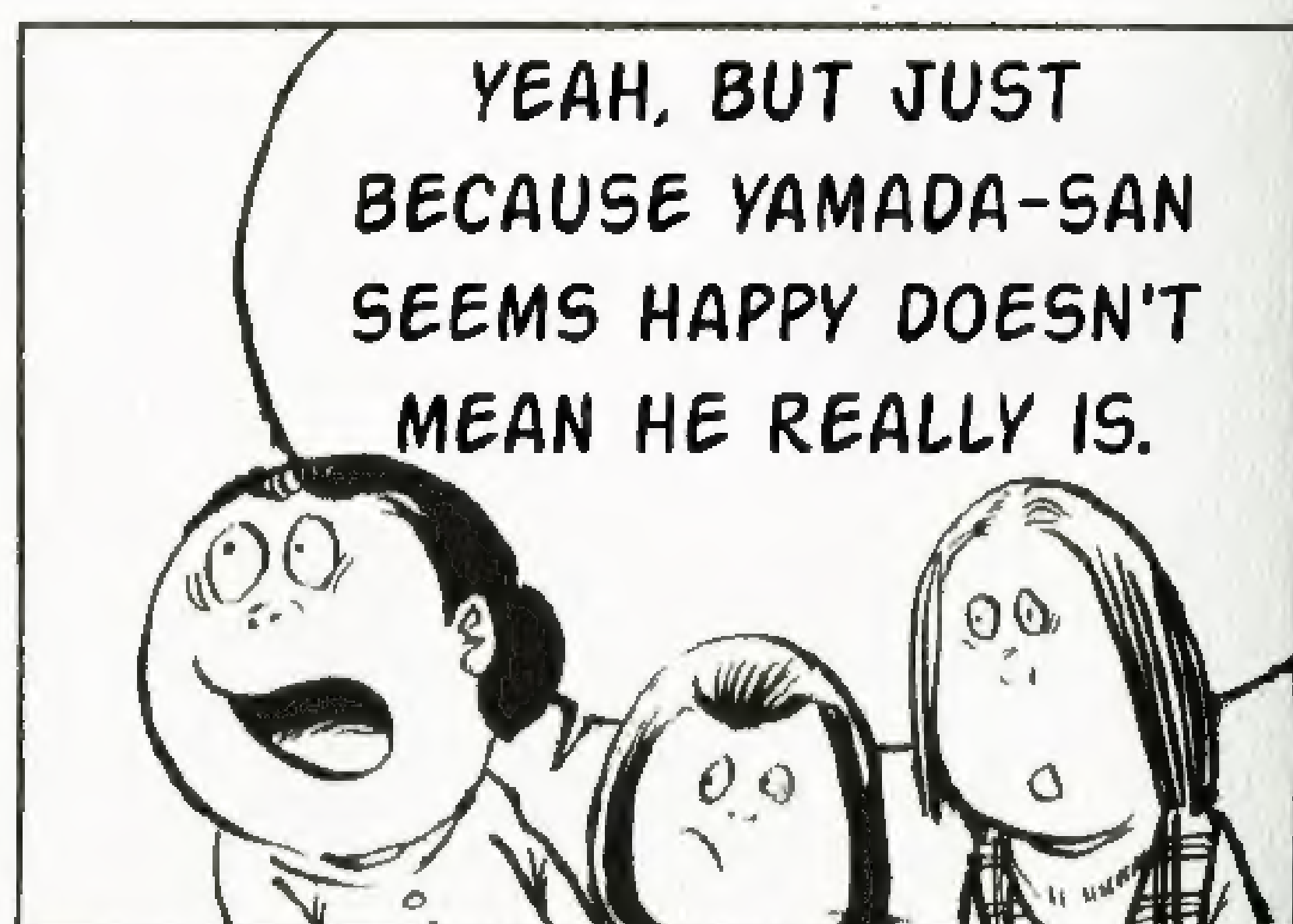
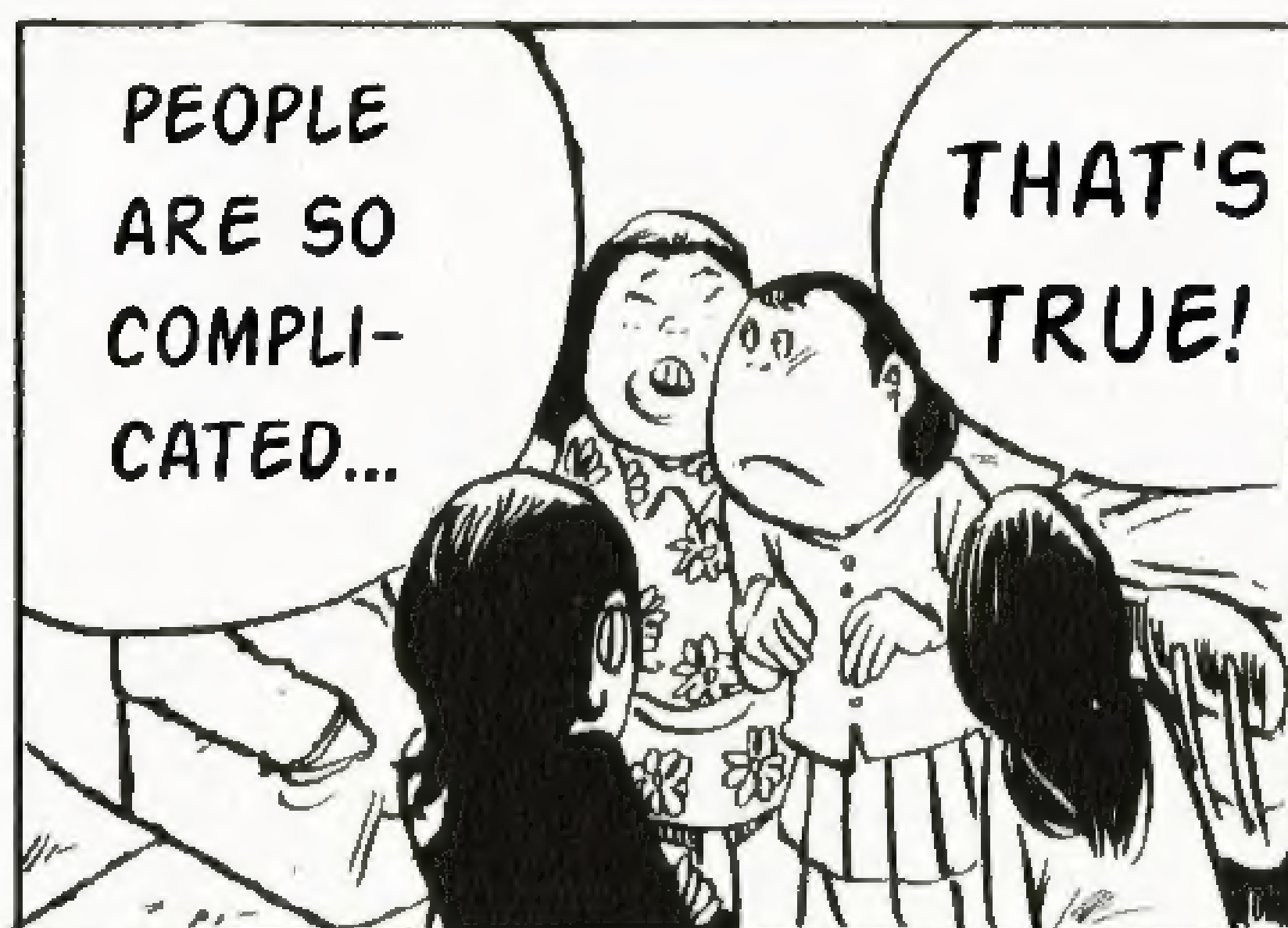
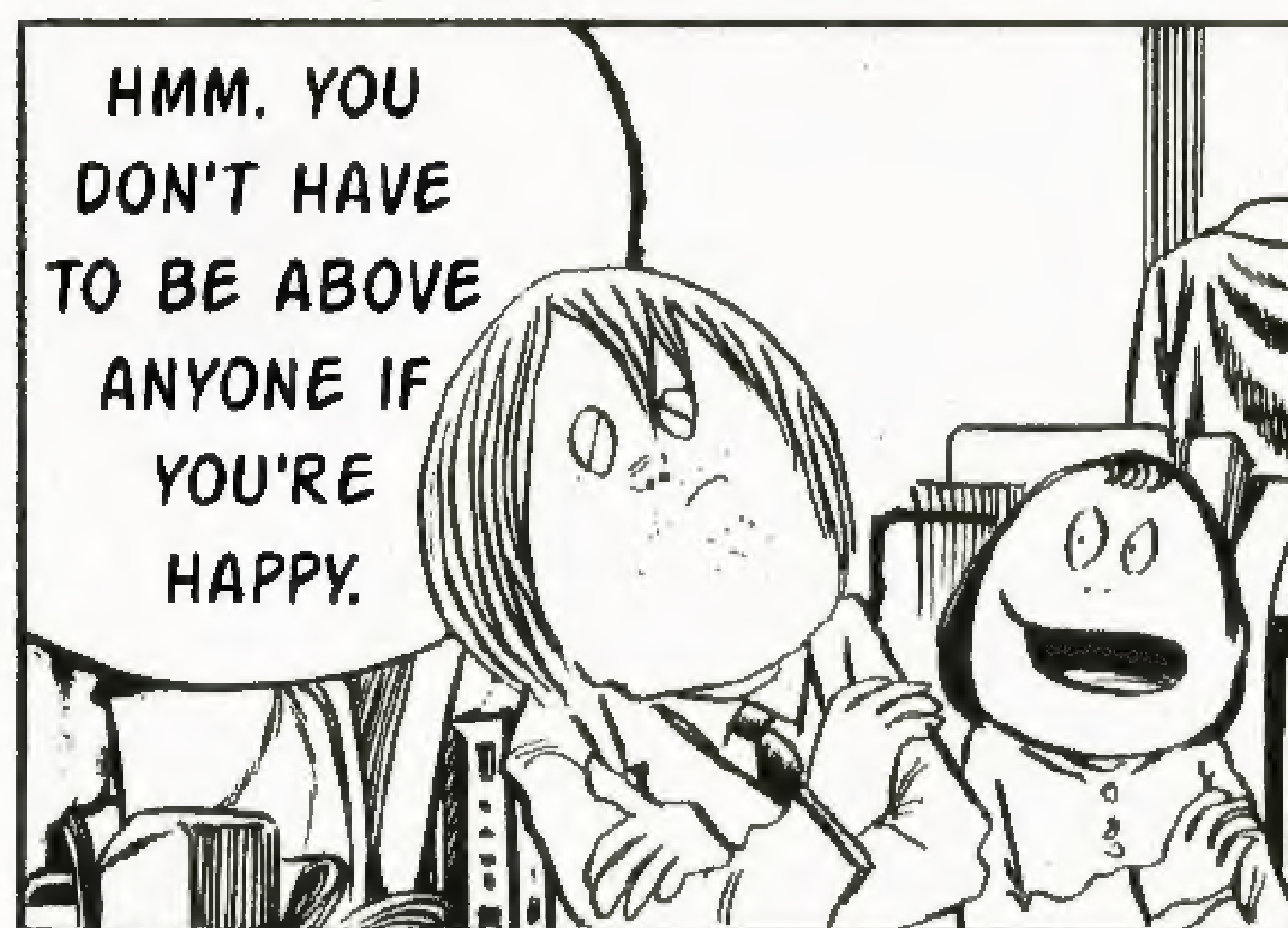
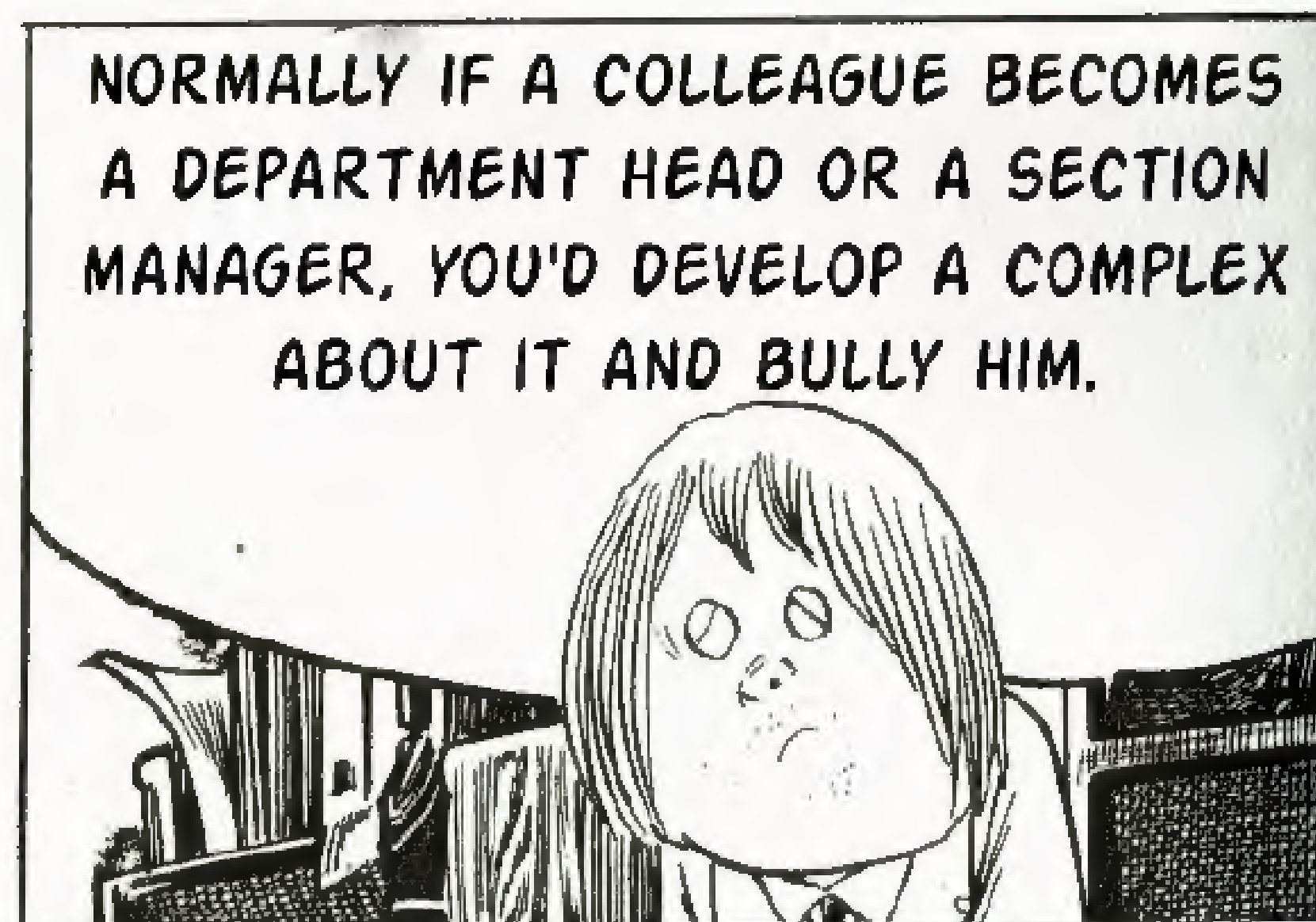


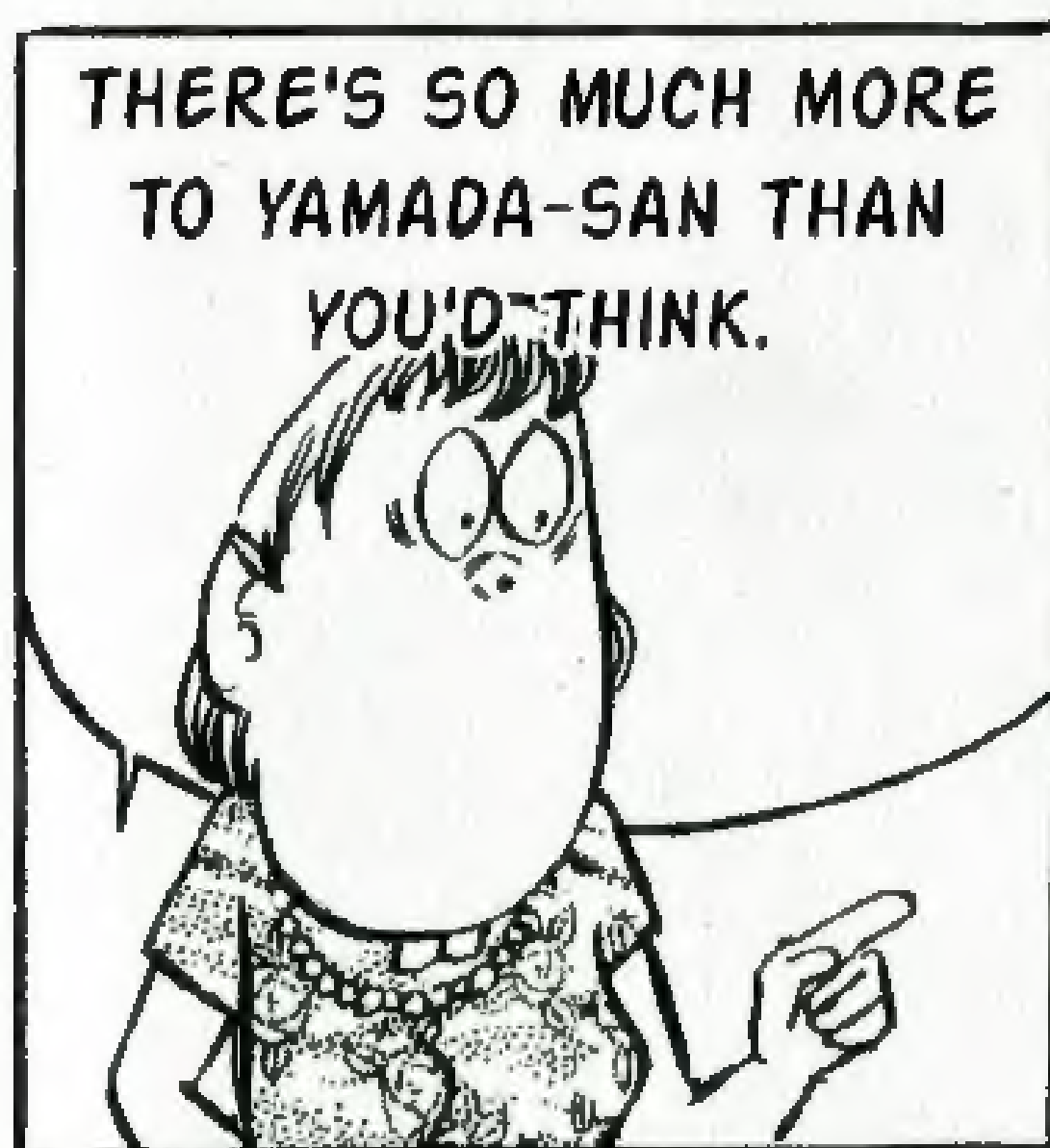
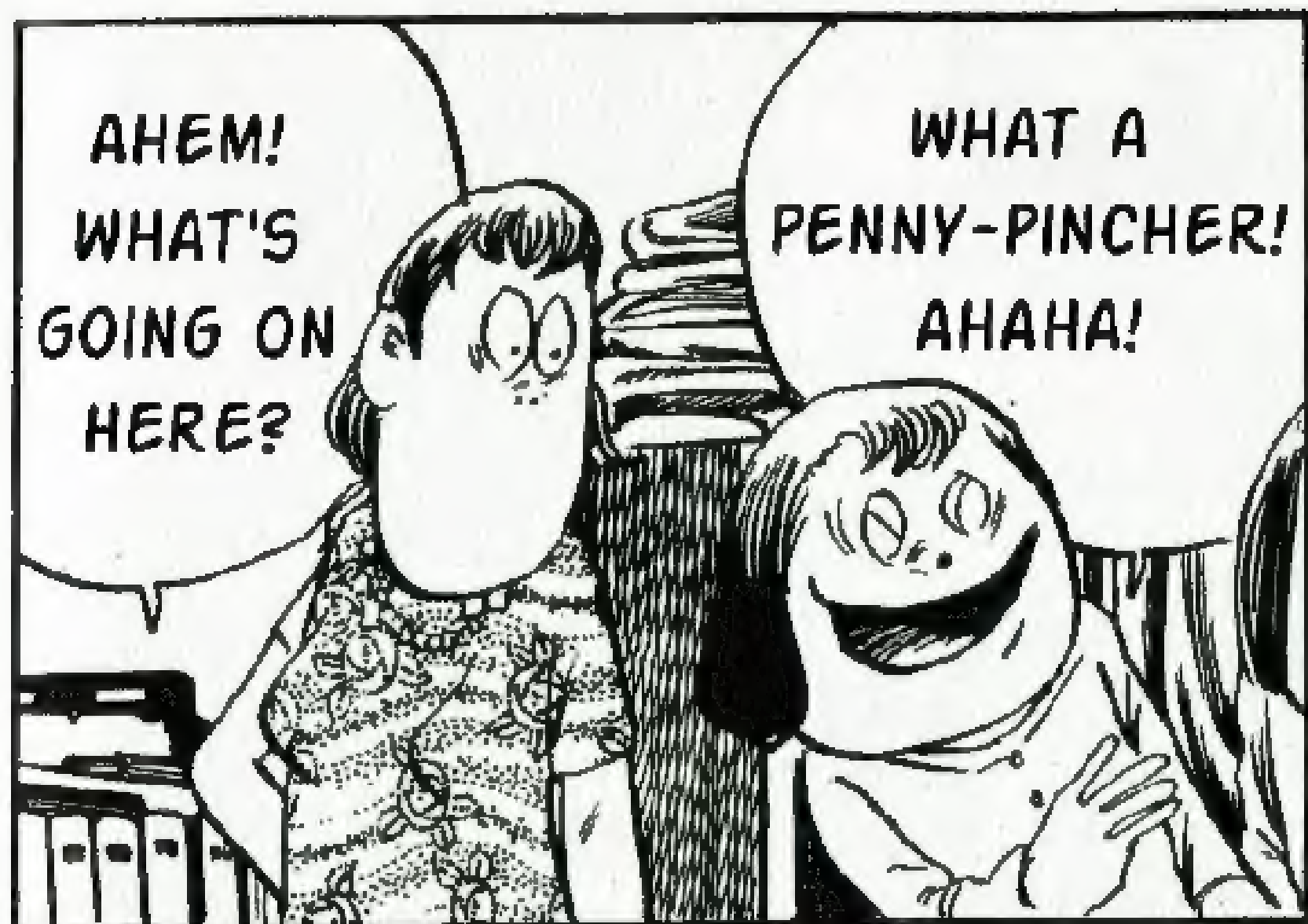
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SUCH AN
IDIOT.

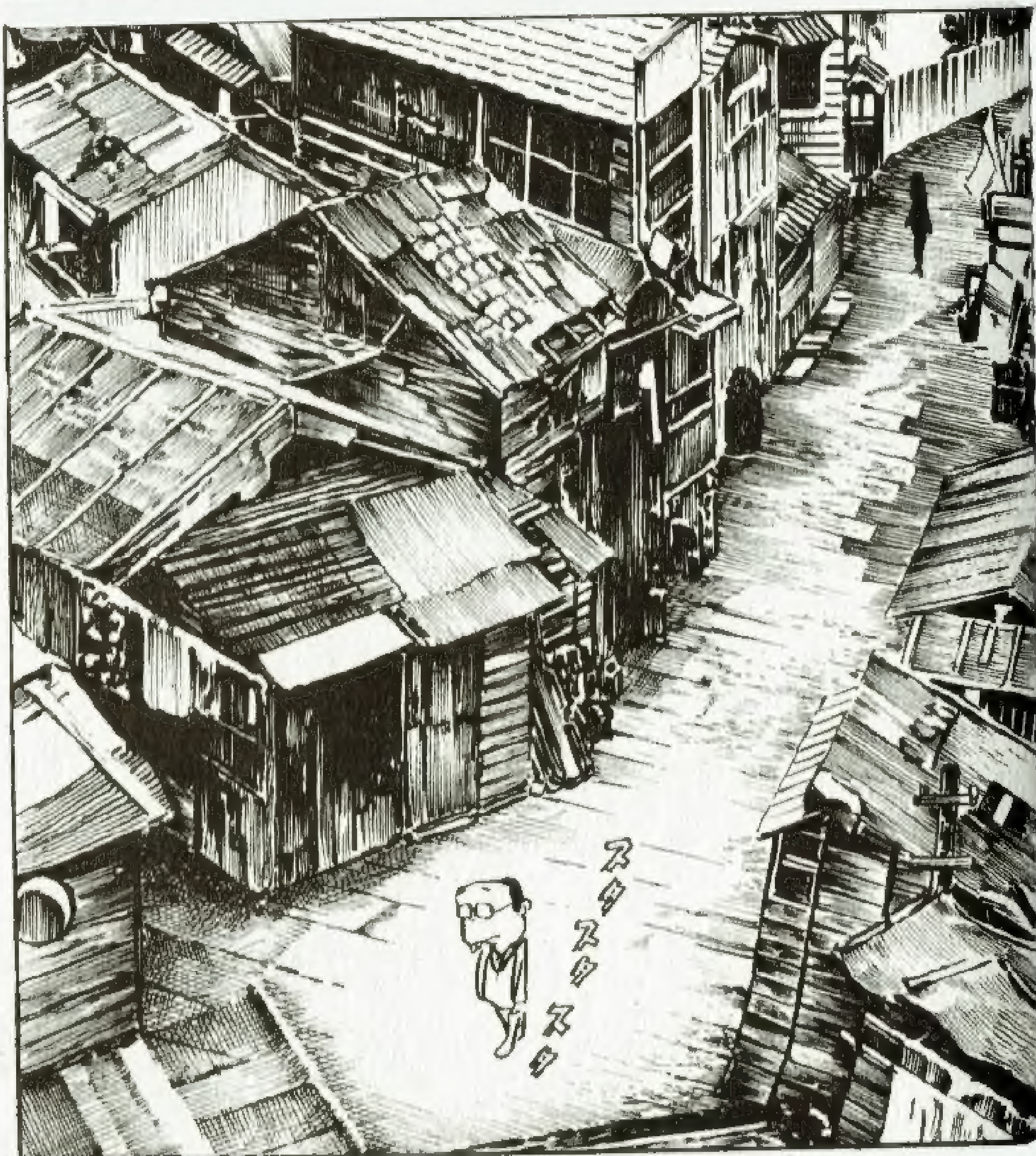
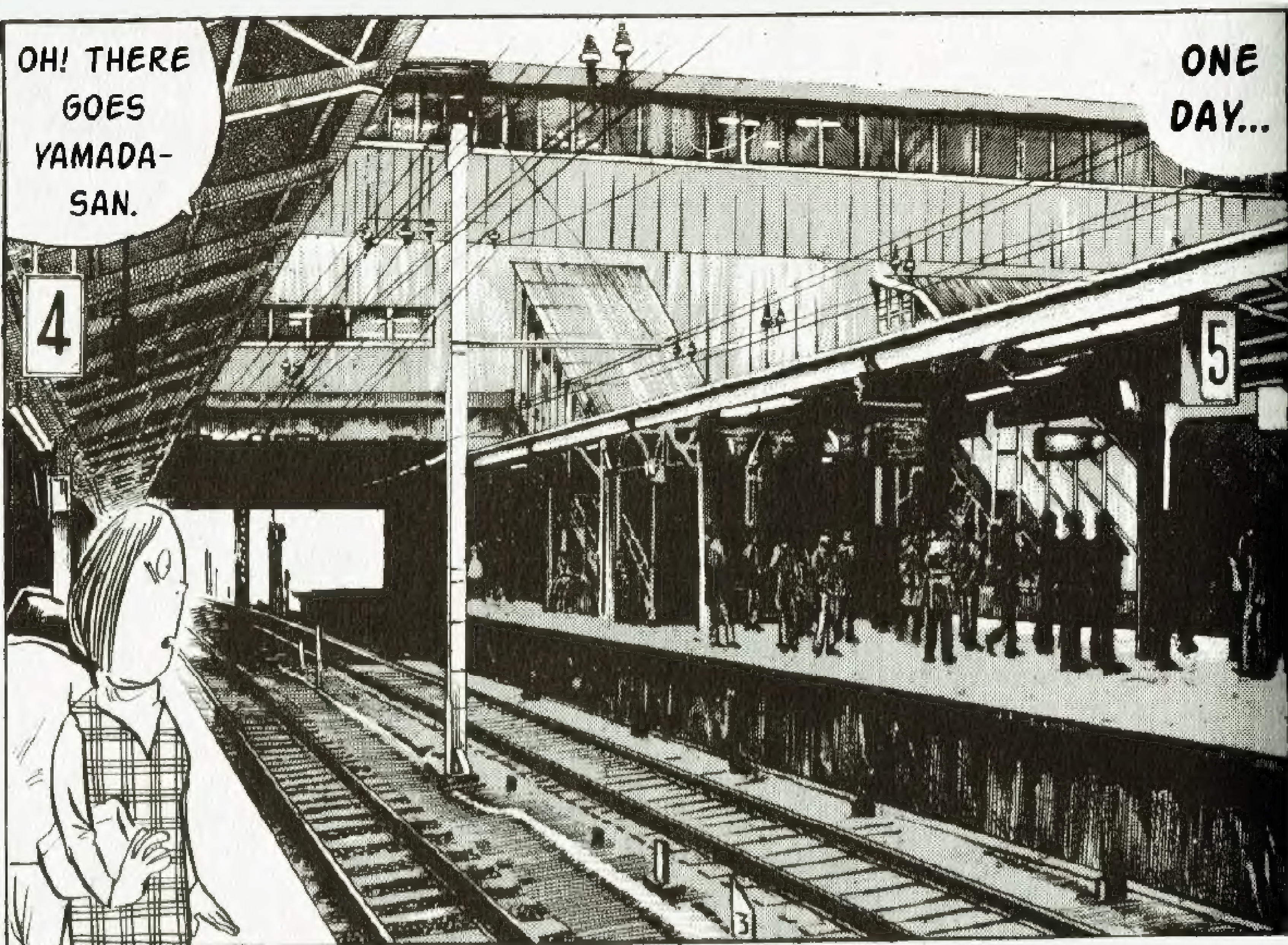
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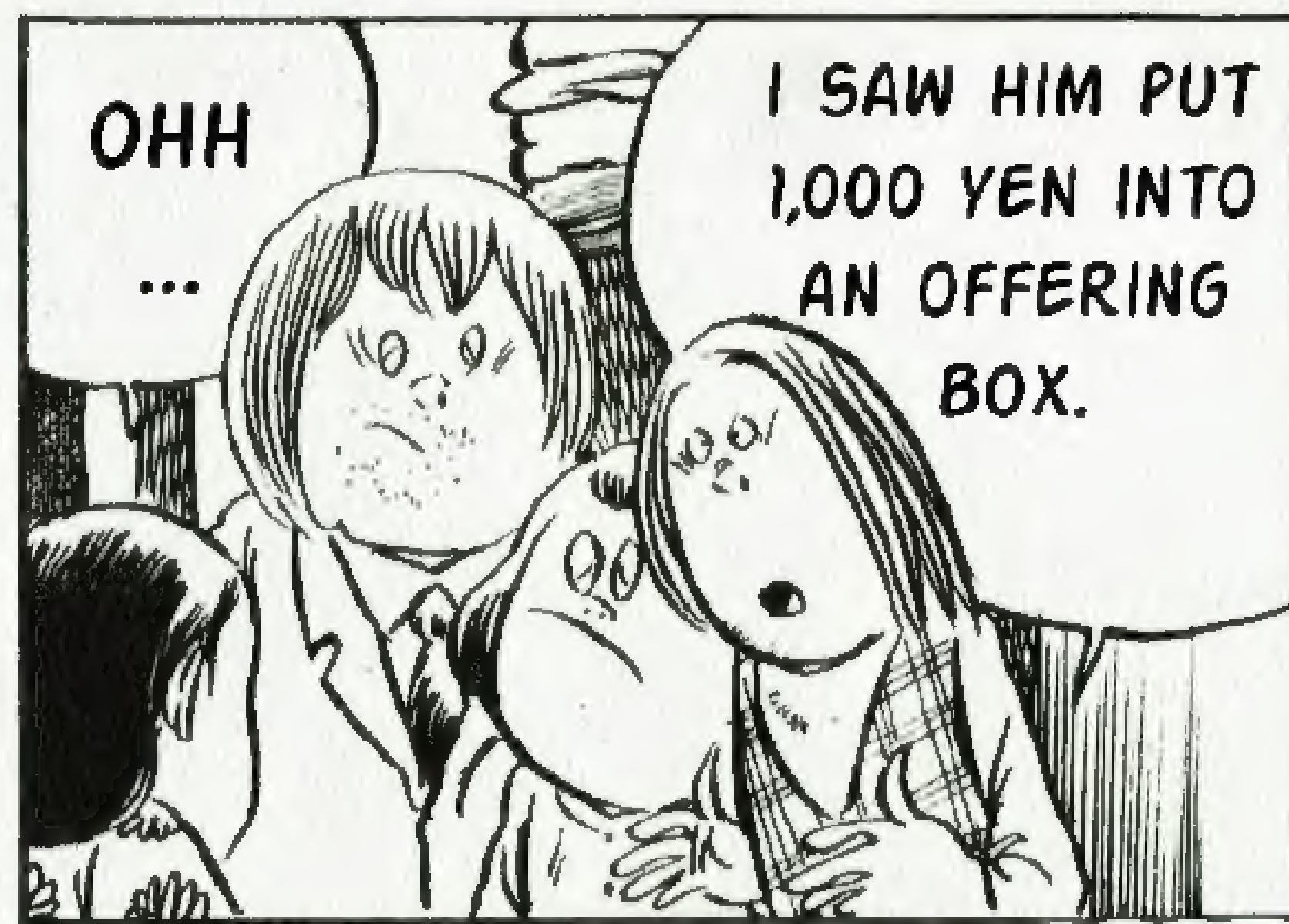
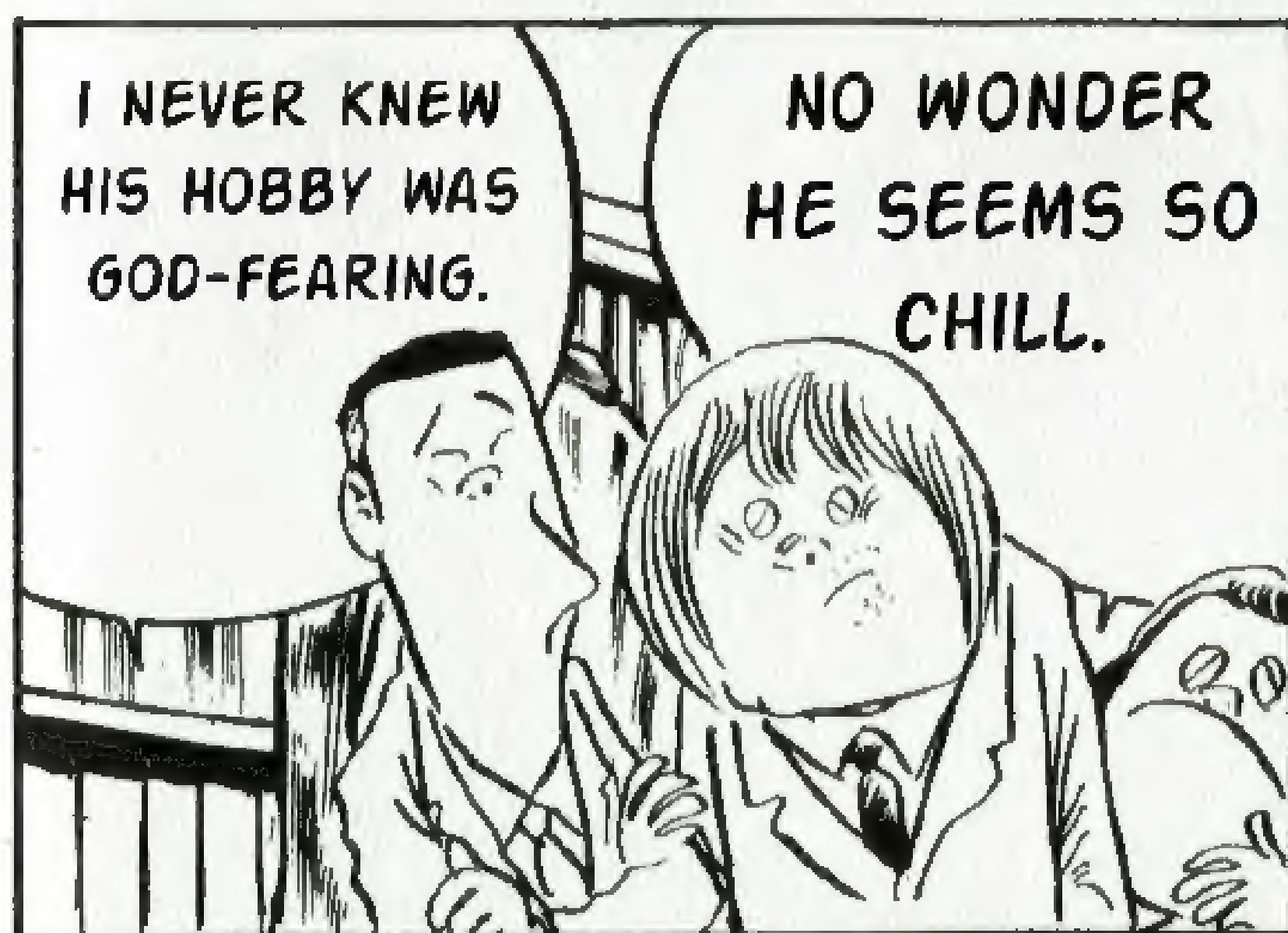
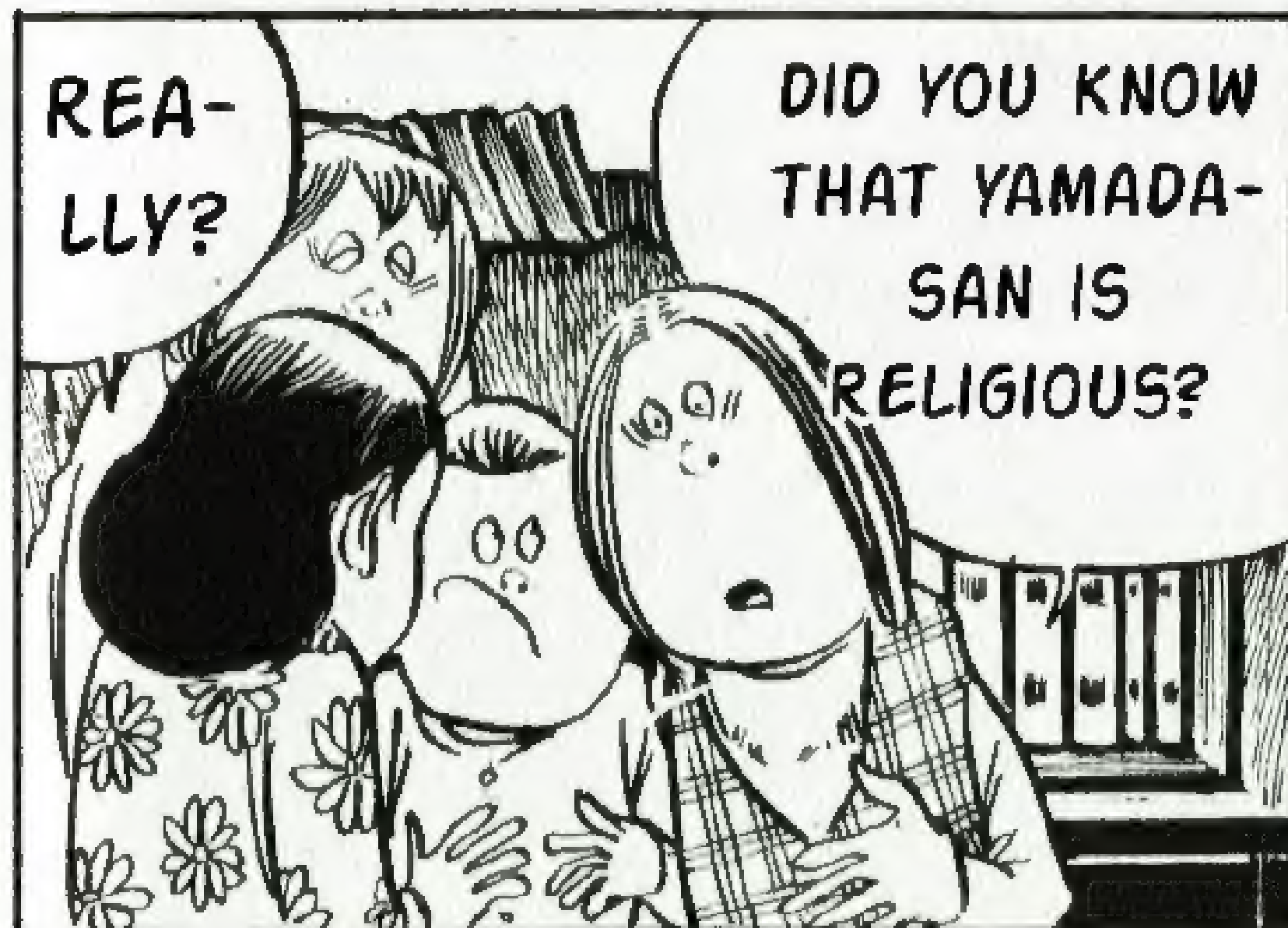


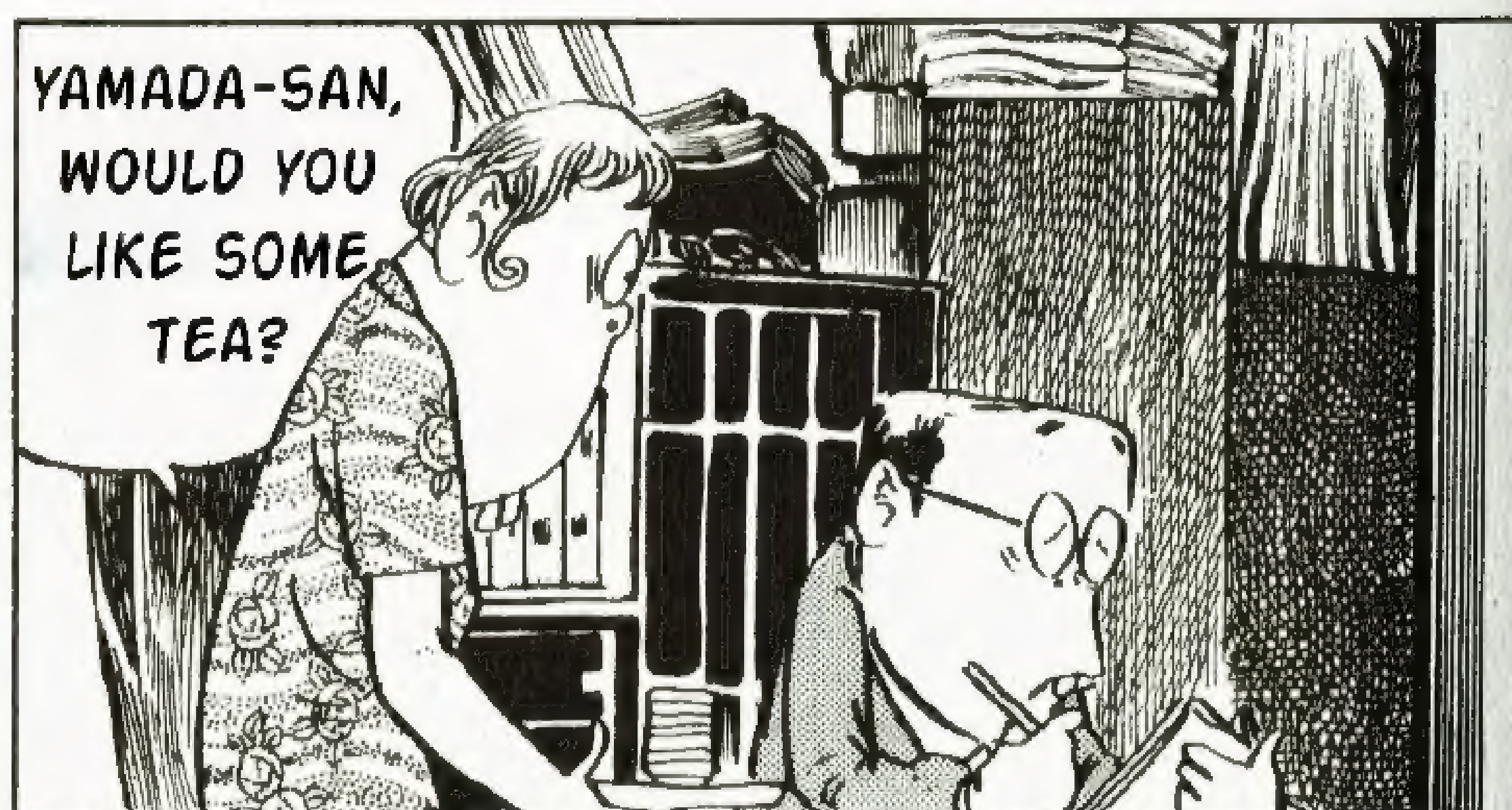
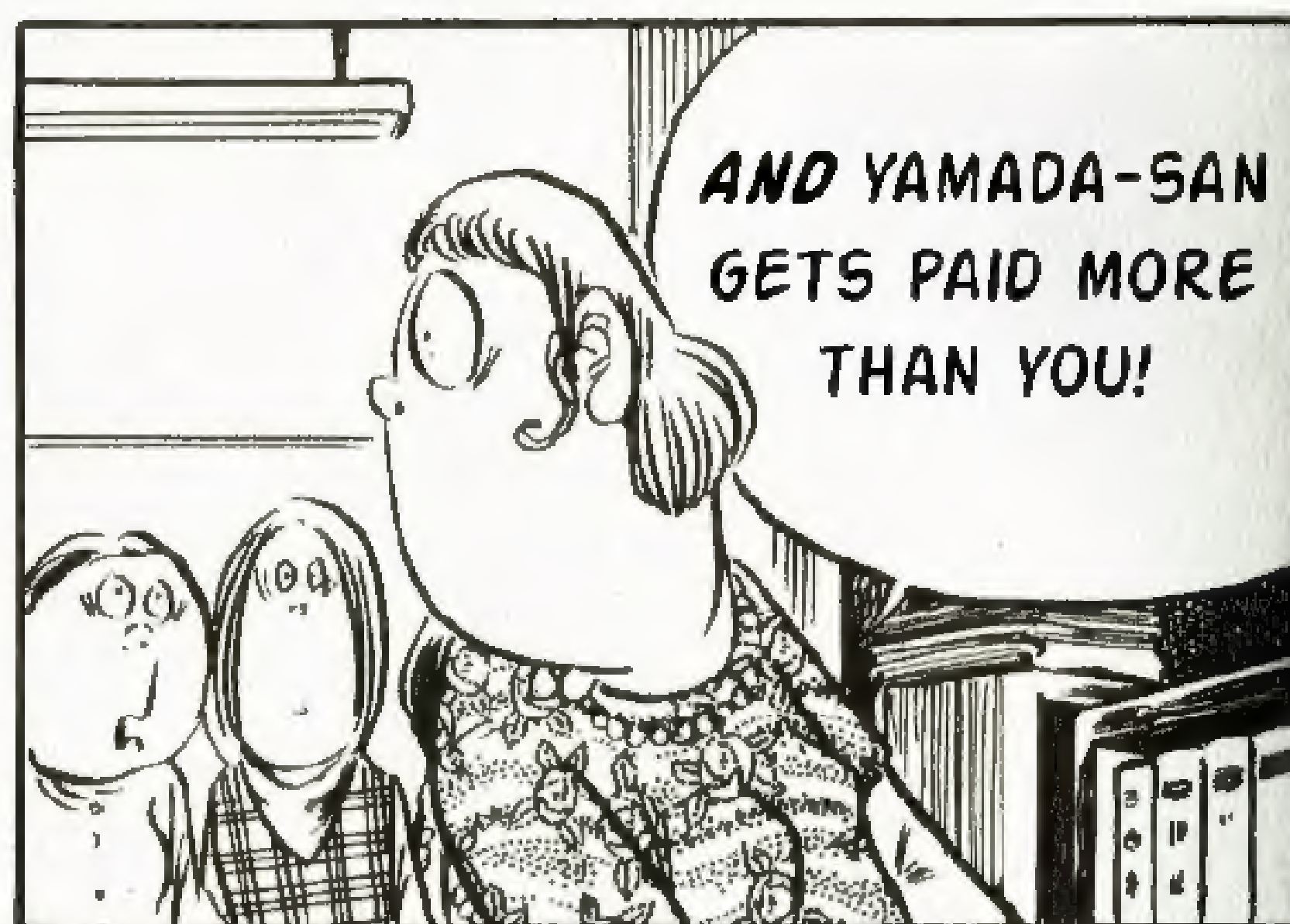
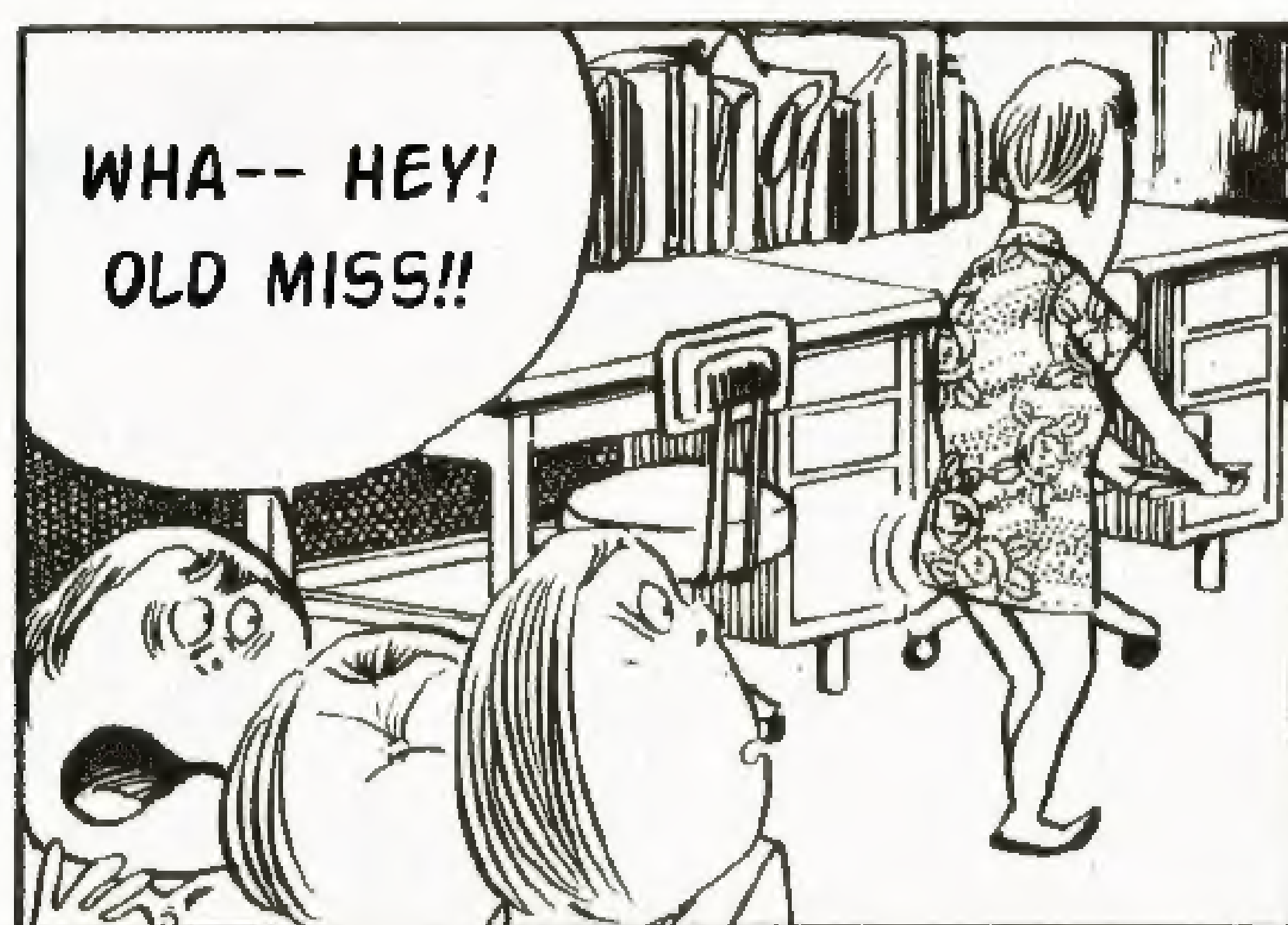
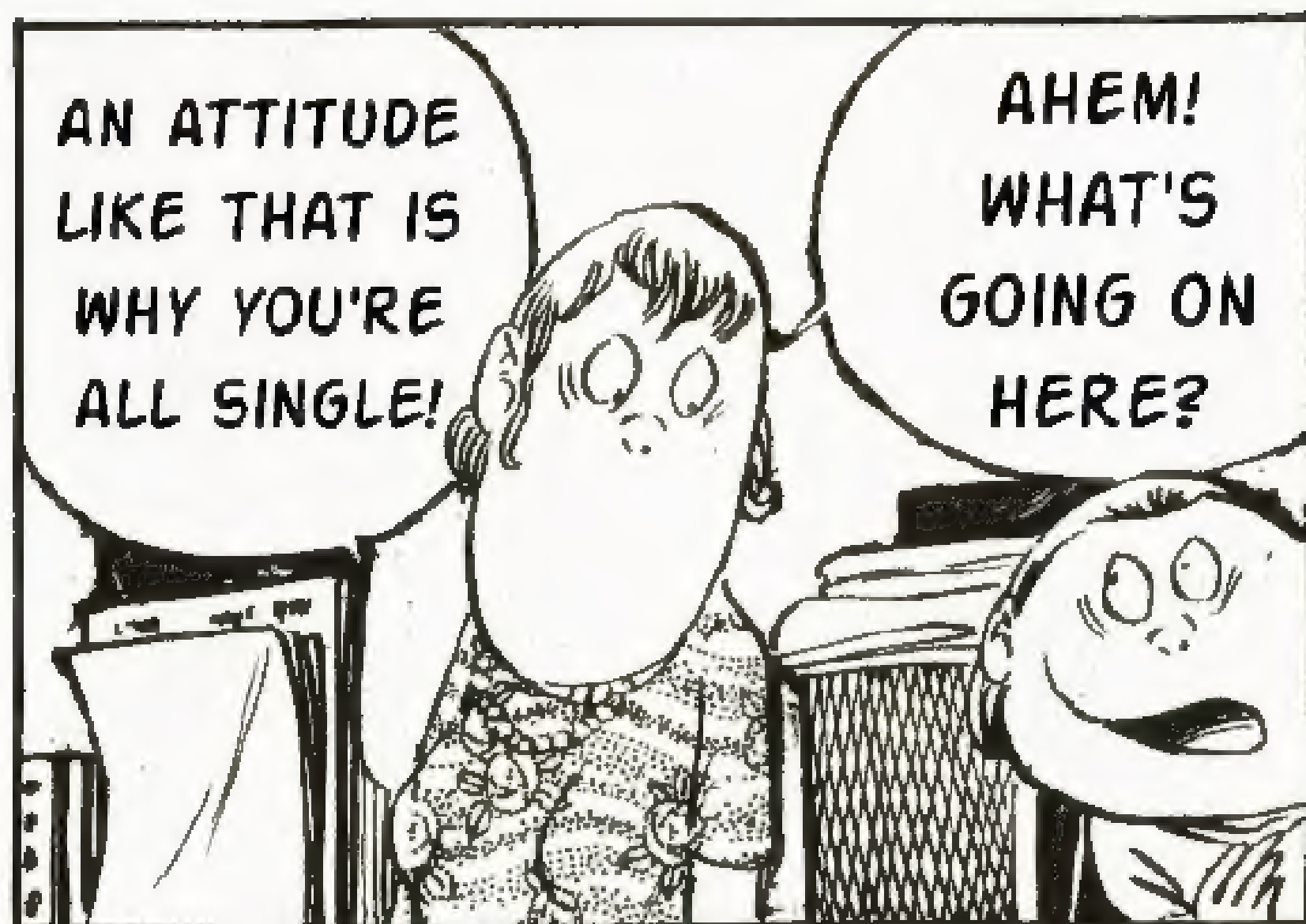
SO MUCH SO THAT
THIS BECAME A TOPIC
OF DISCUSSION FOR
THE YOUNG
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HAPPINESS FOR
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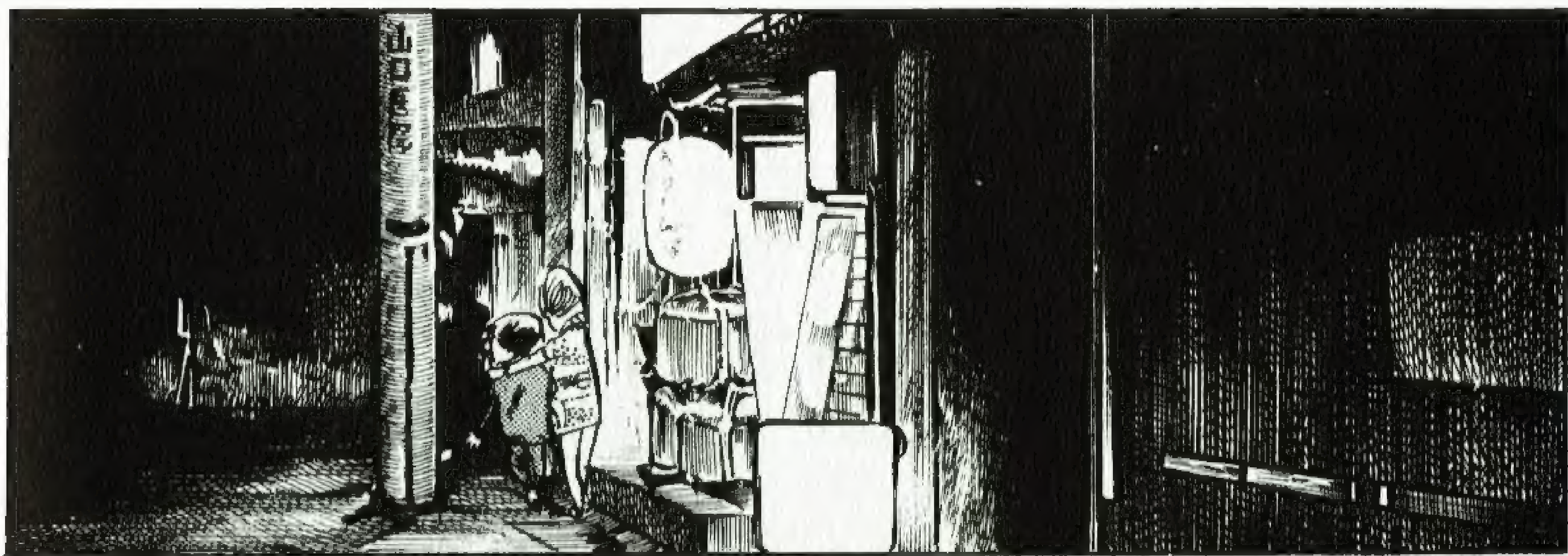
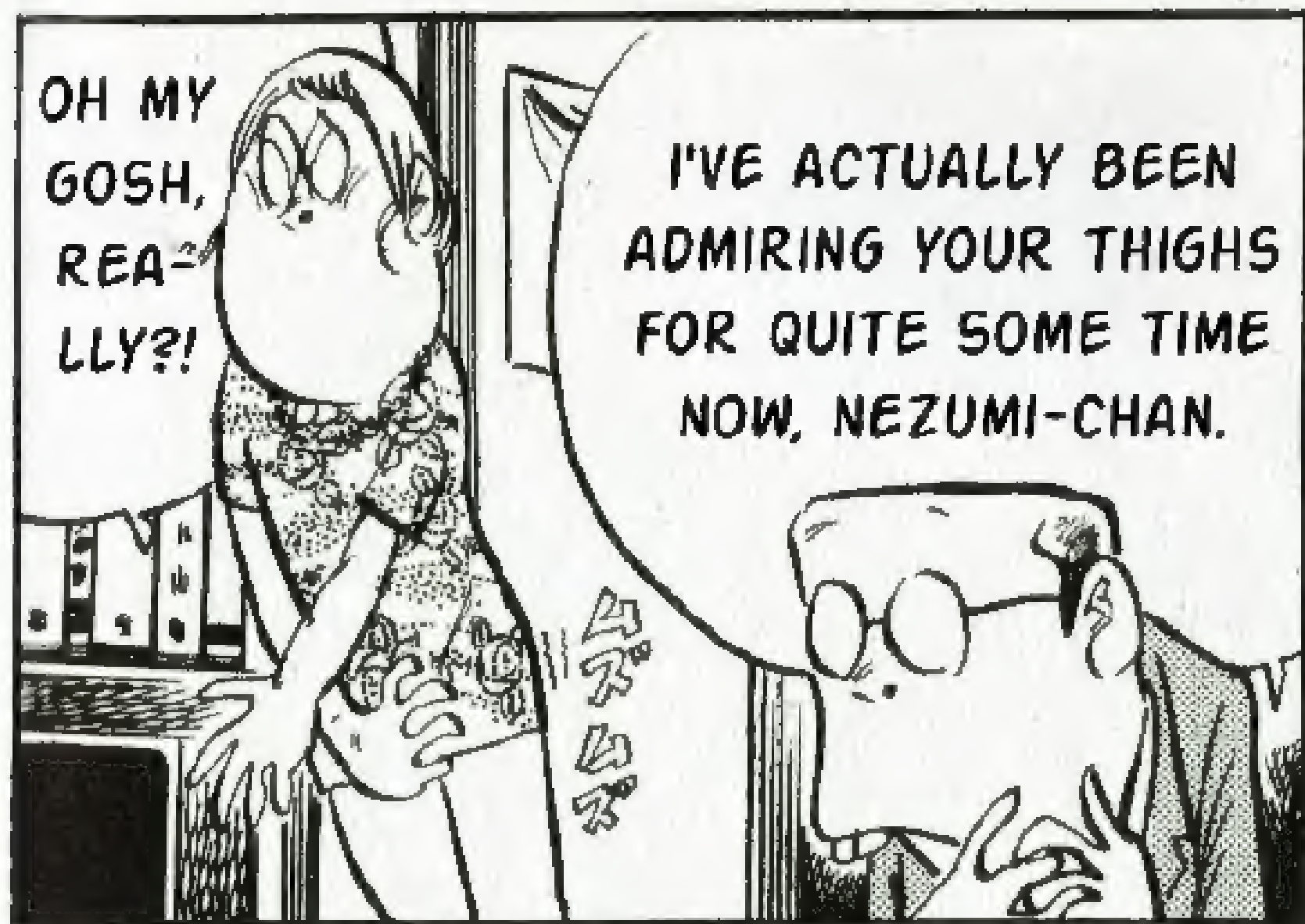


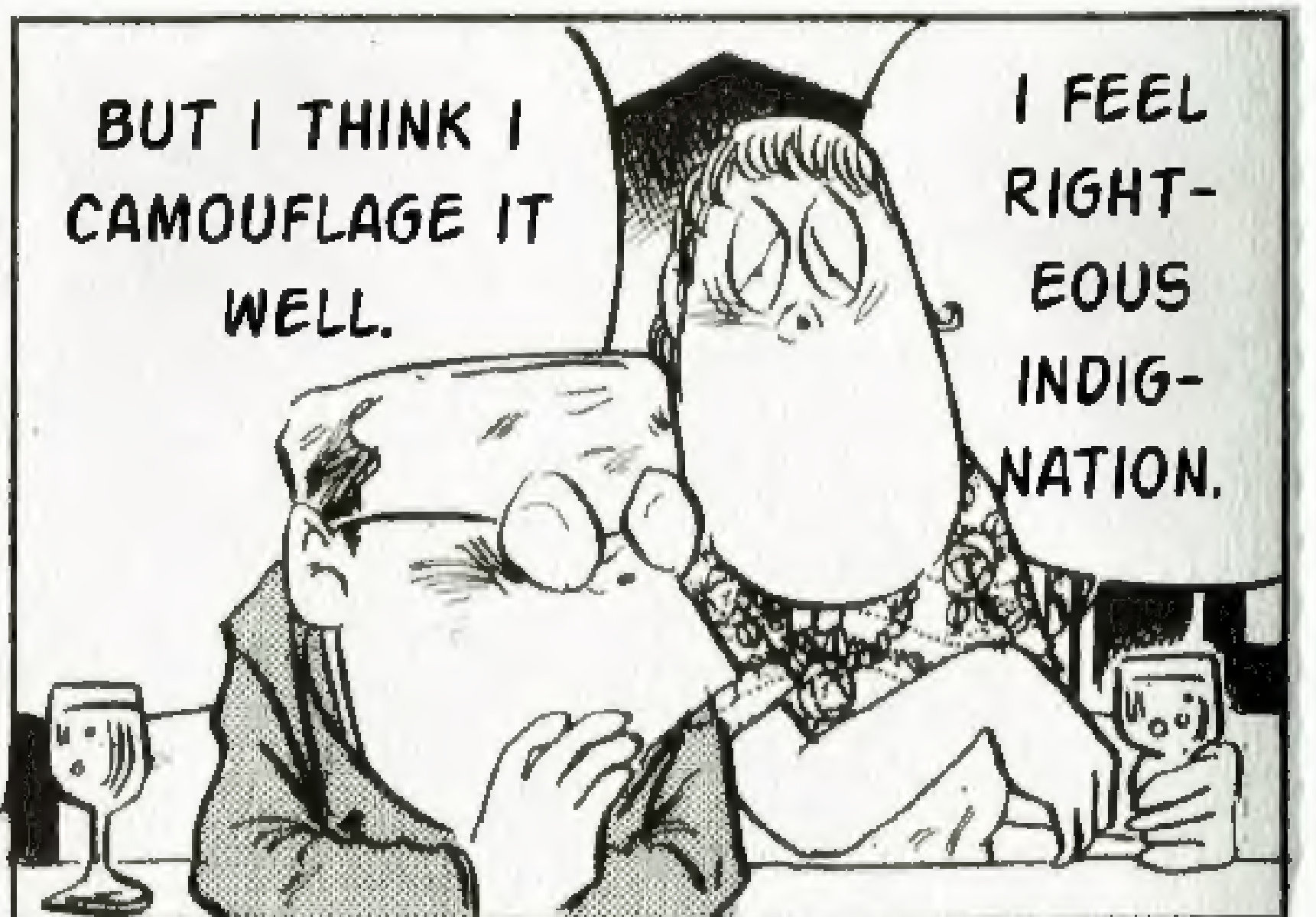
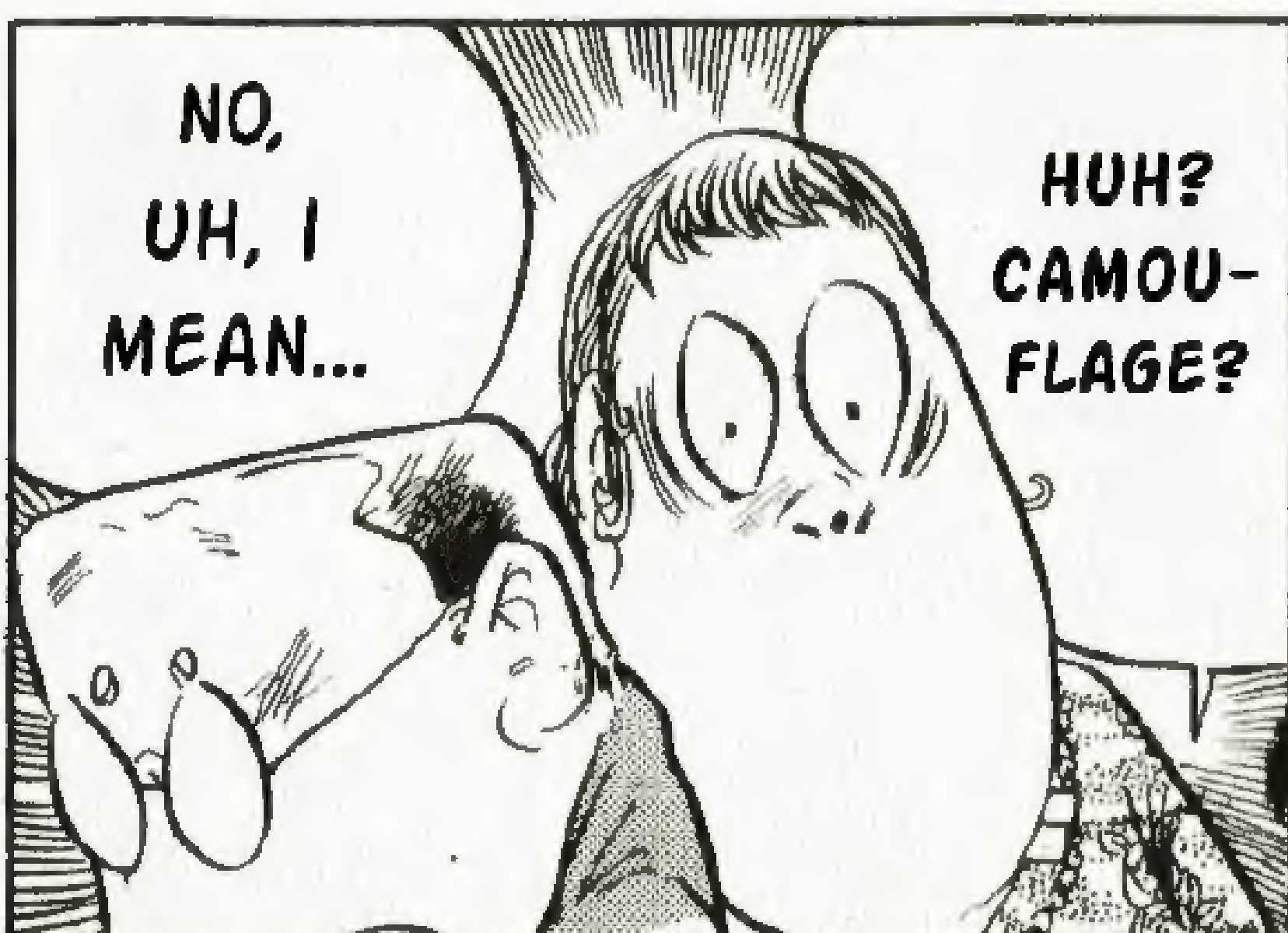
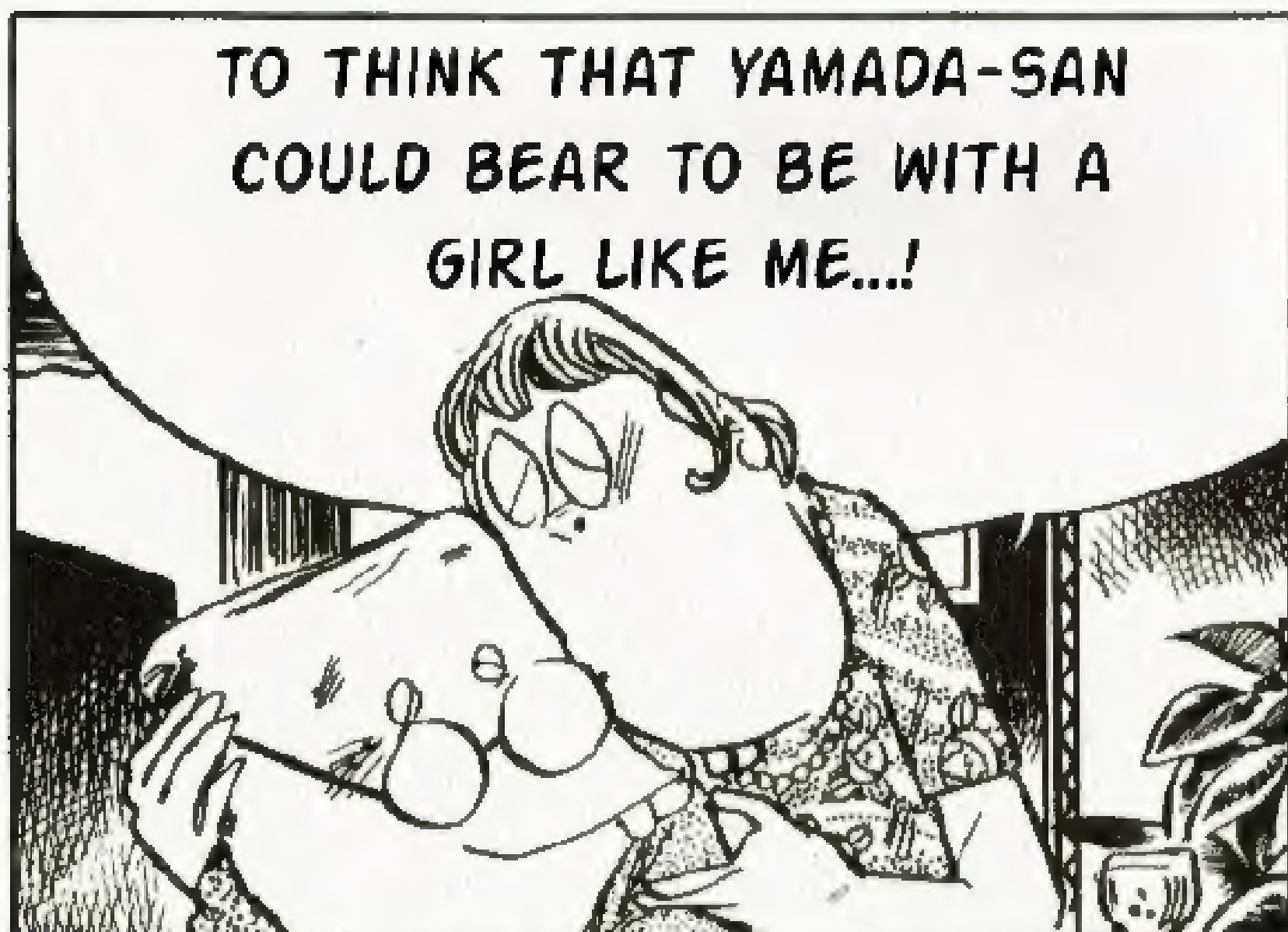
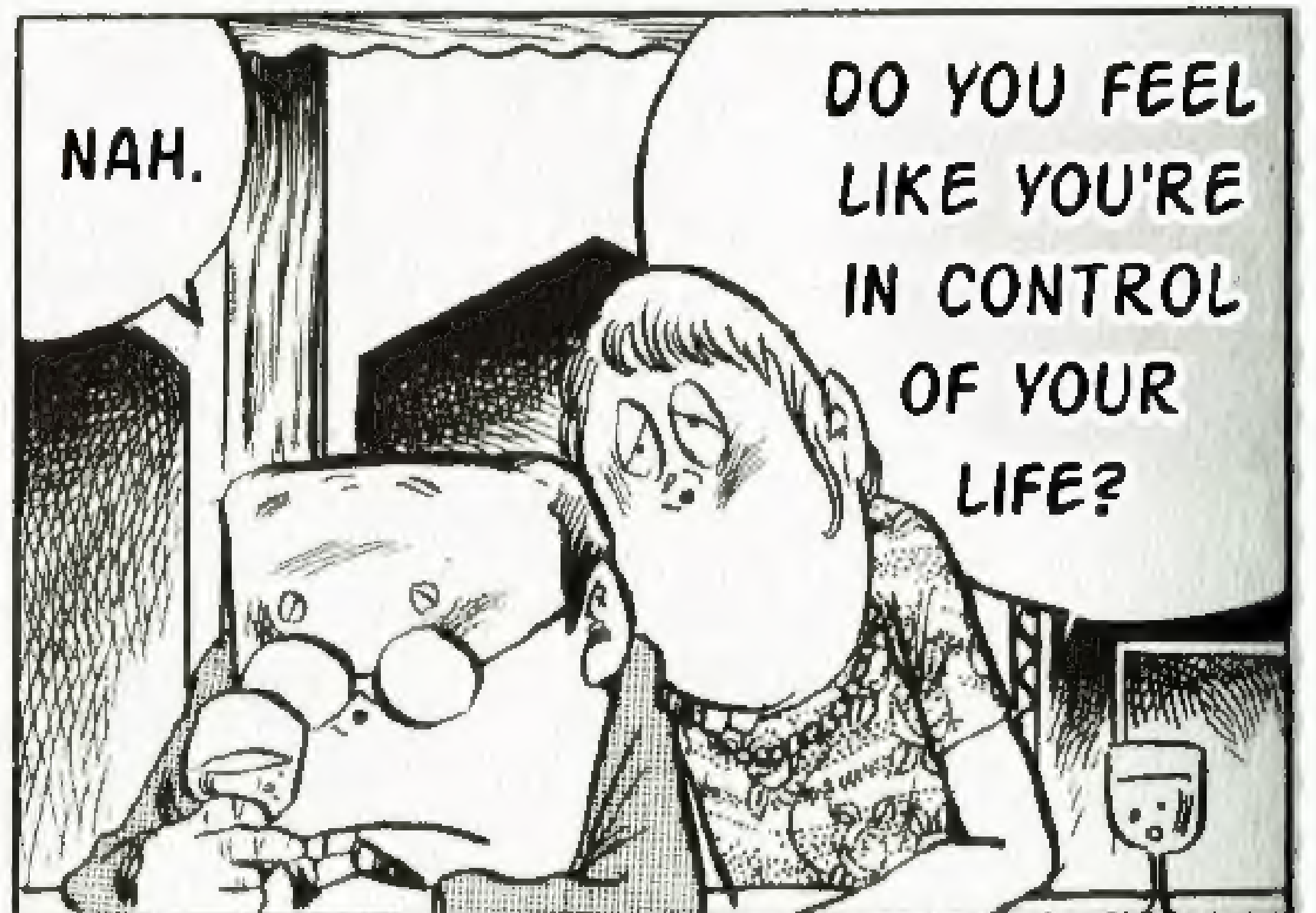
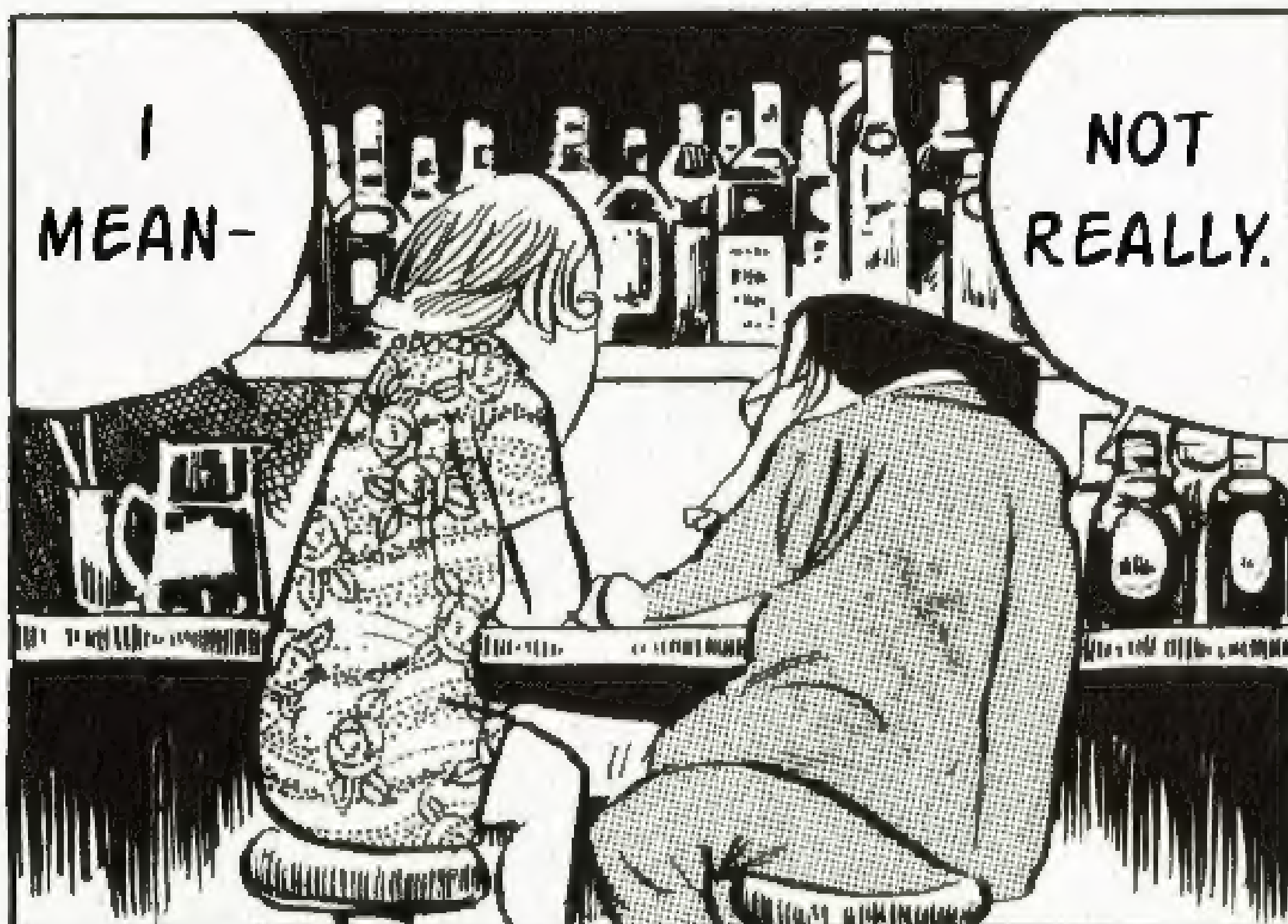
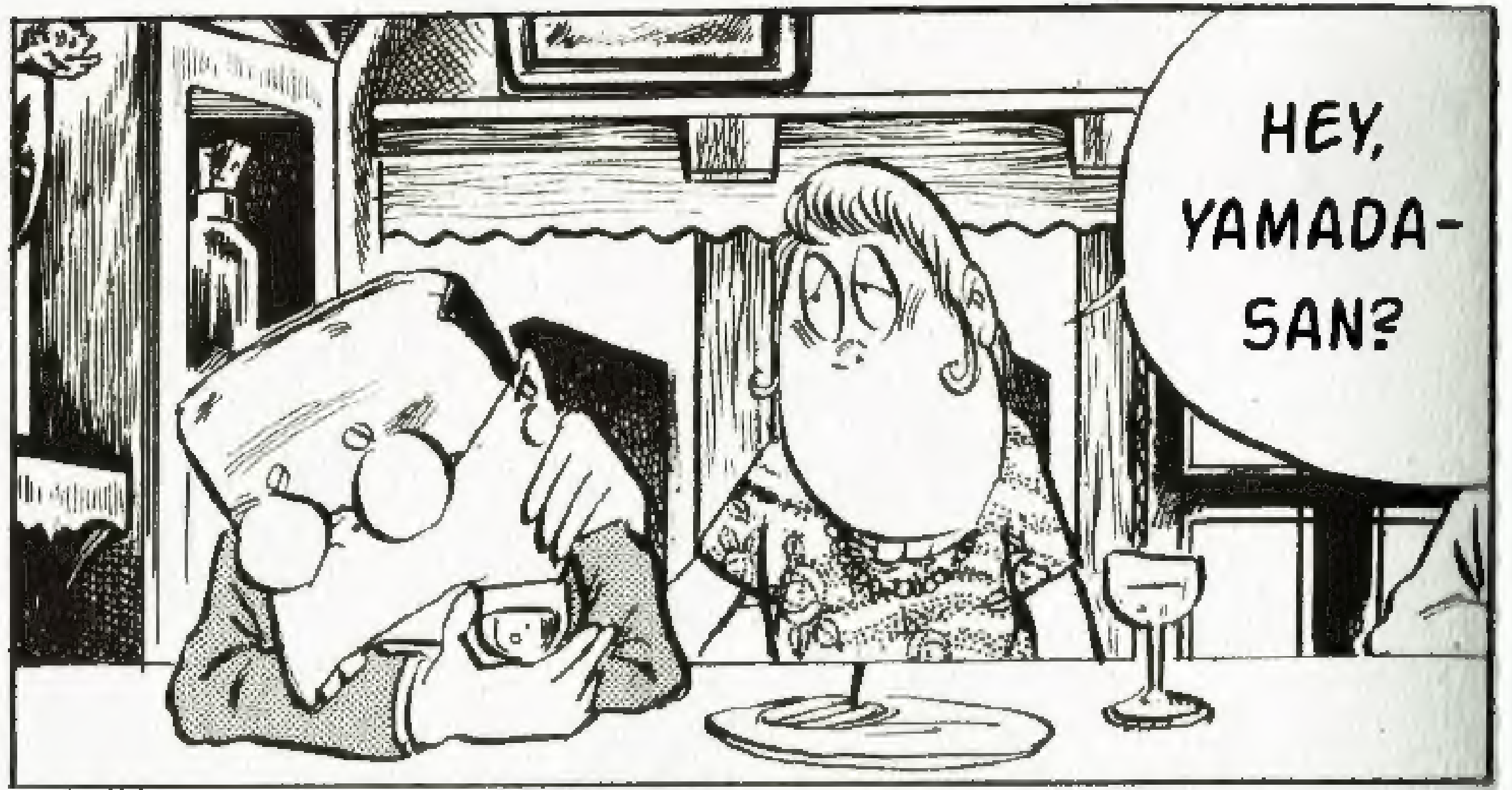


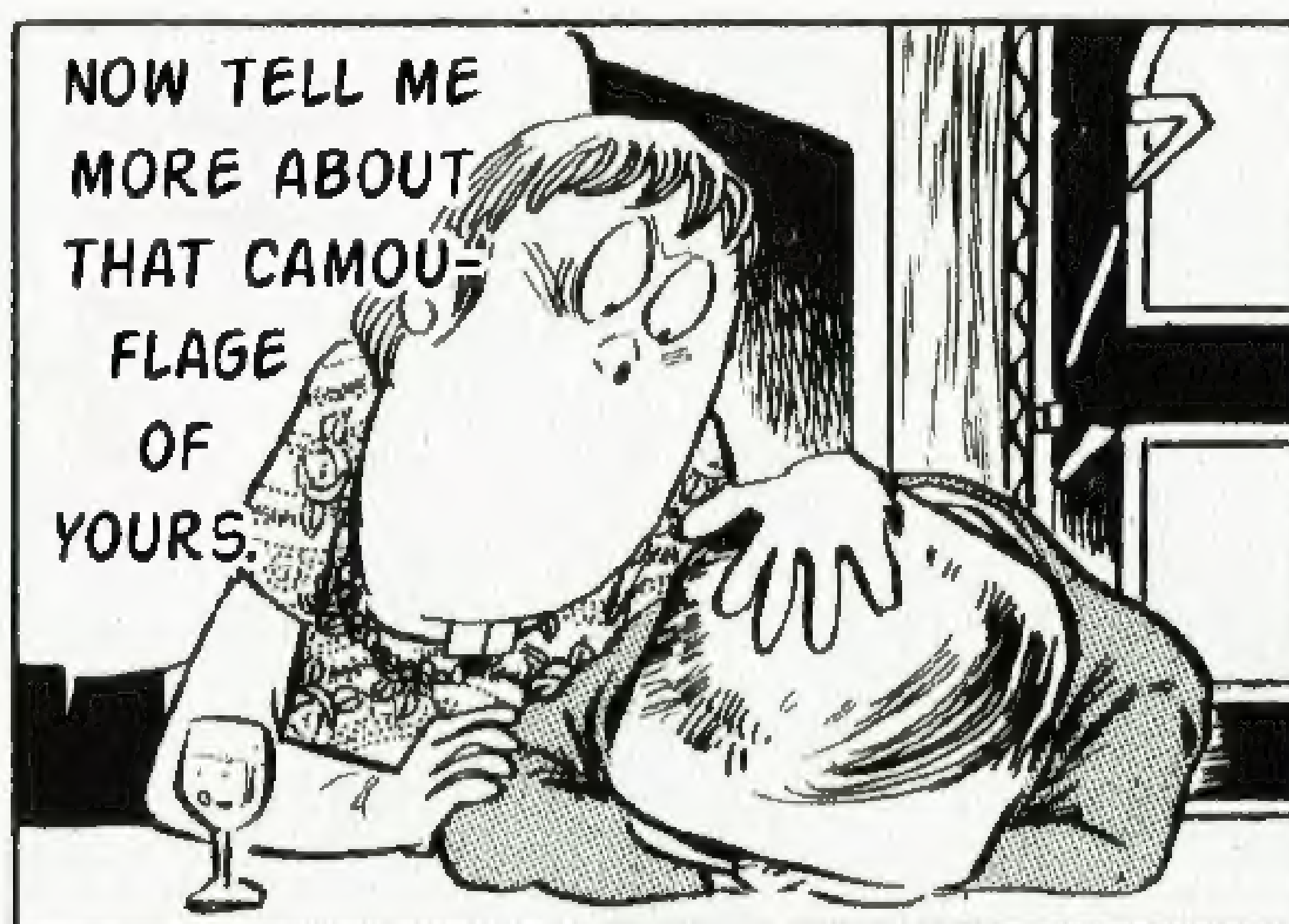
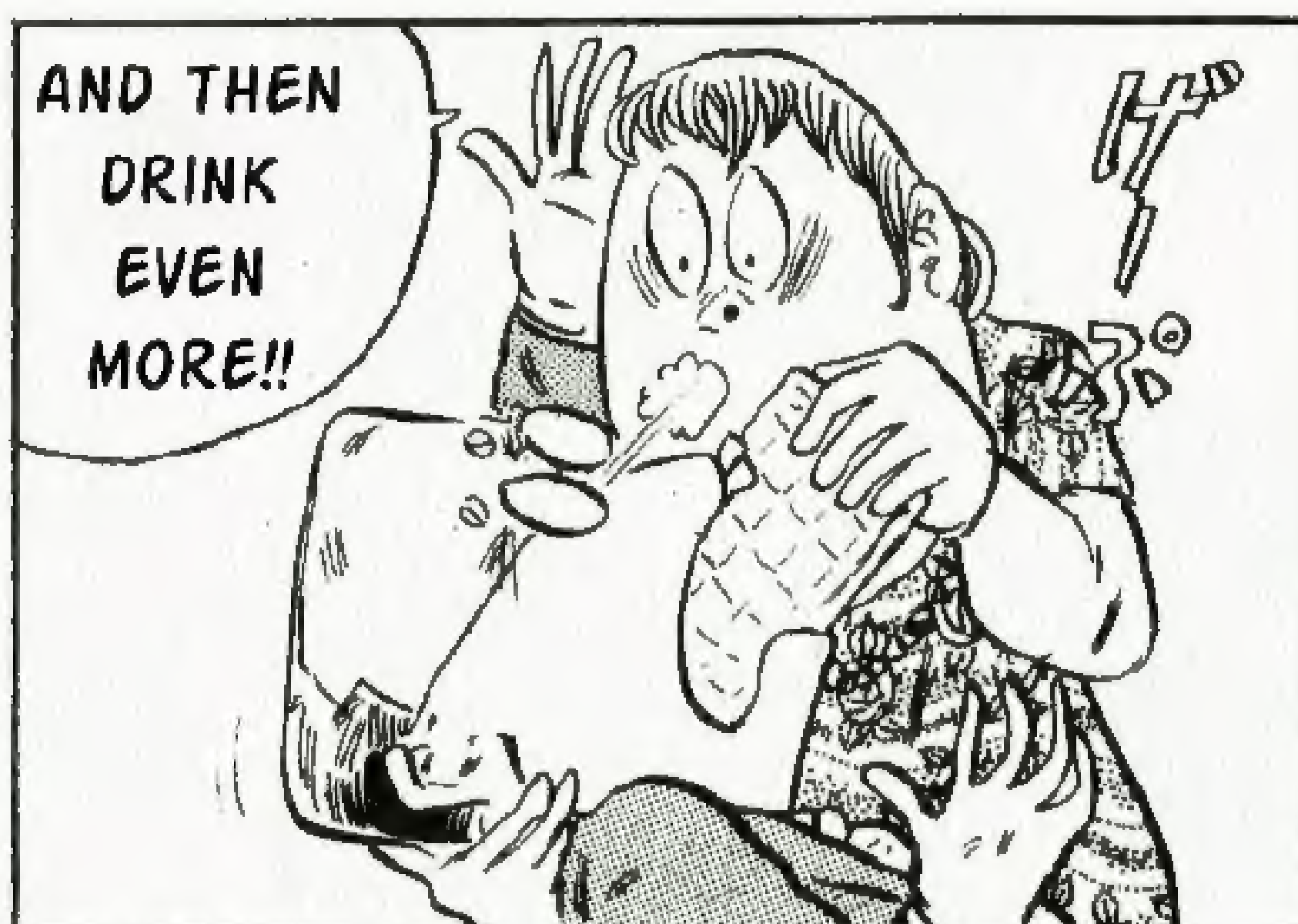
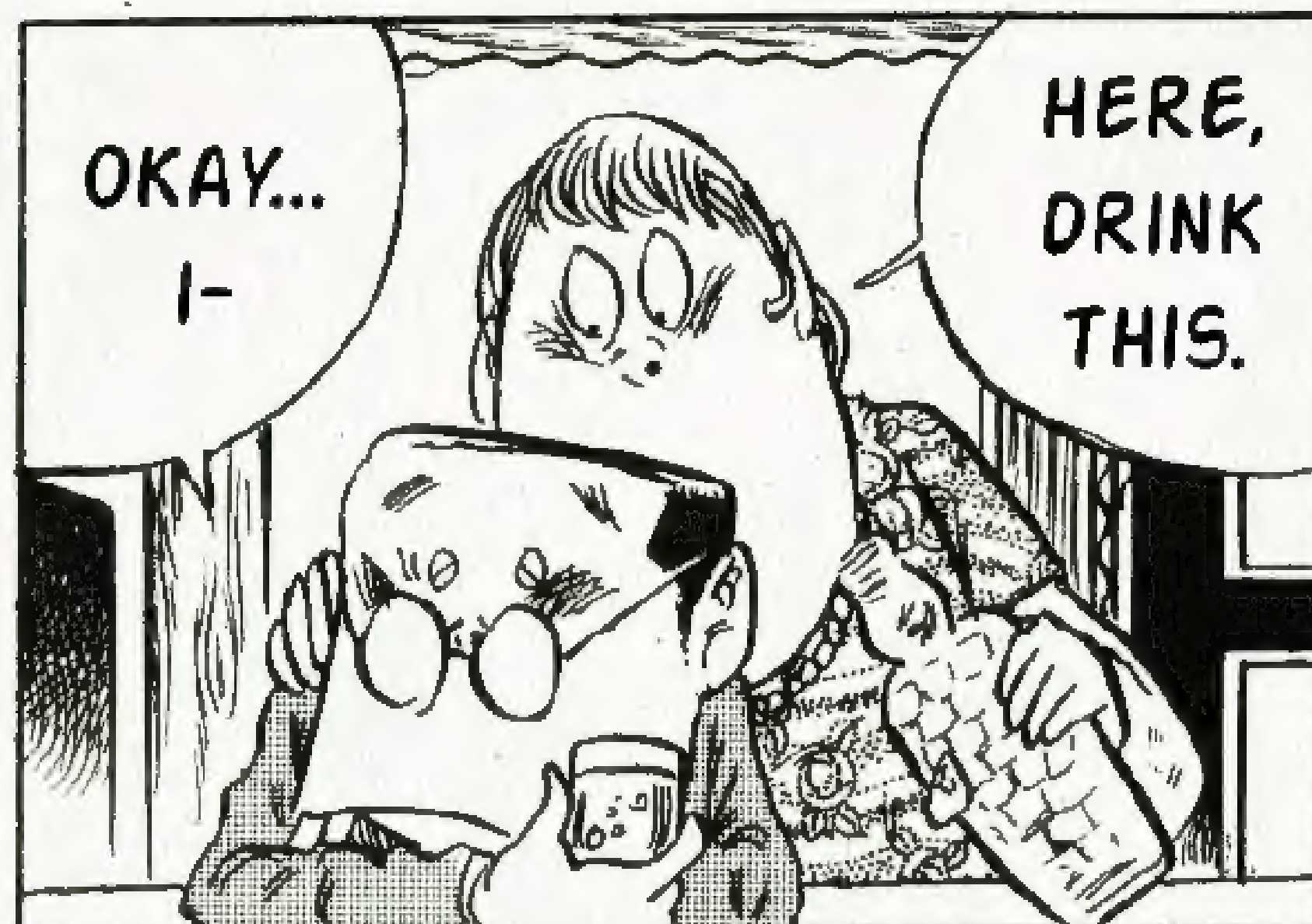


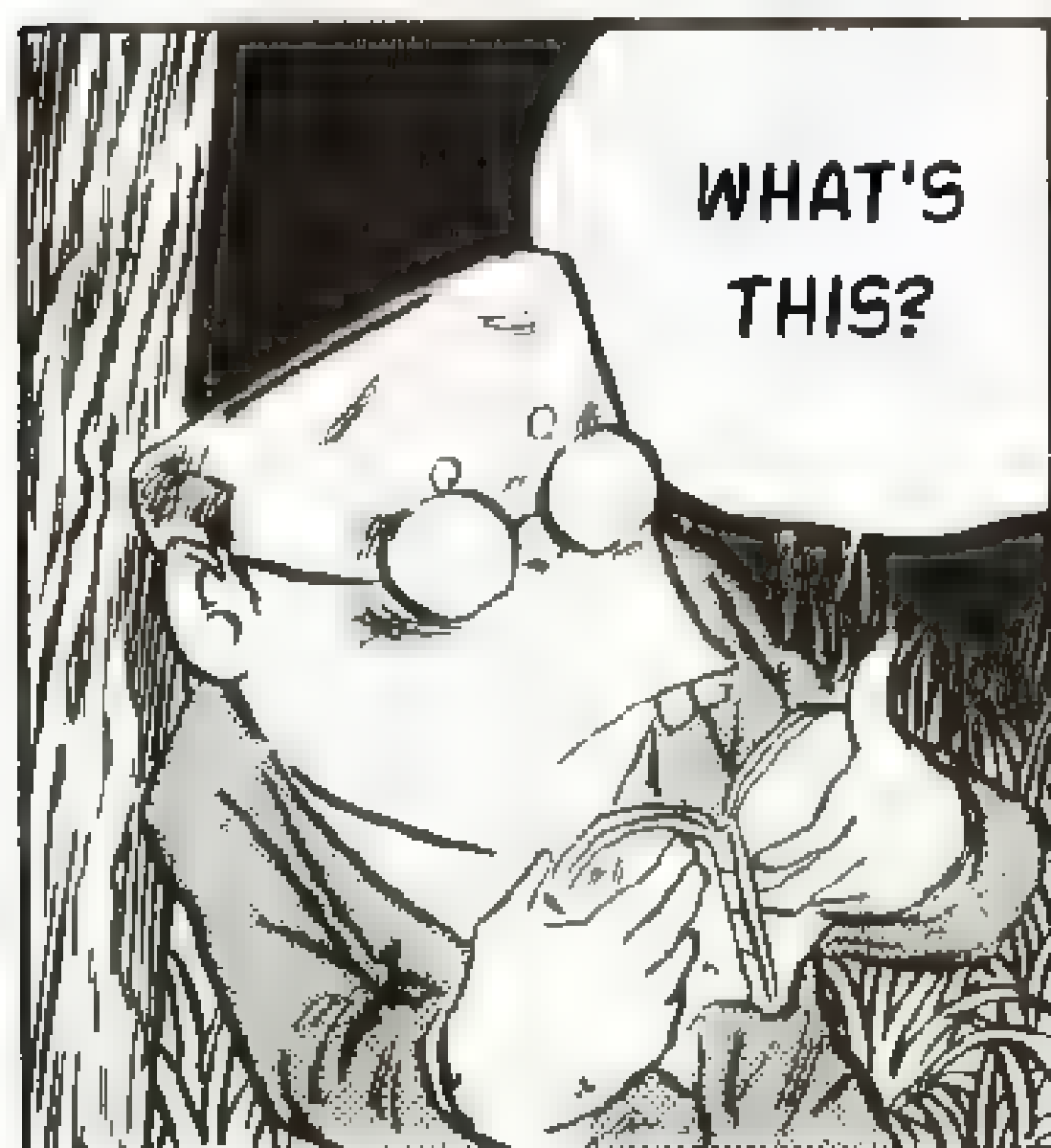


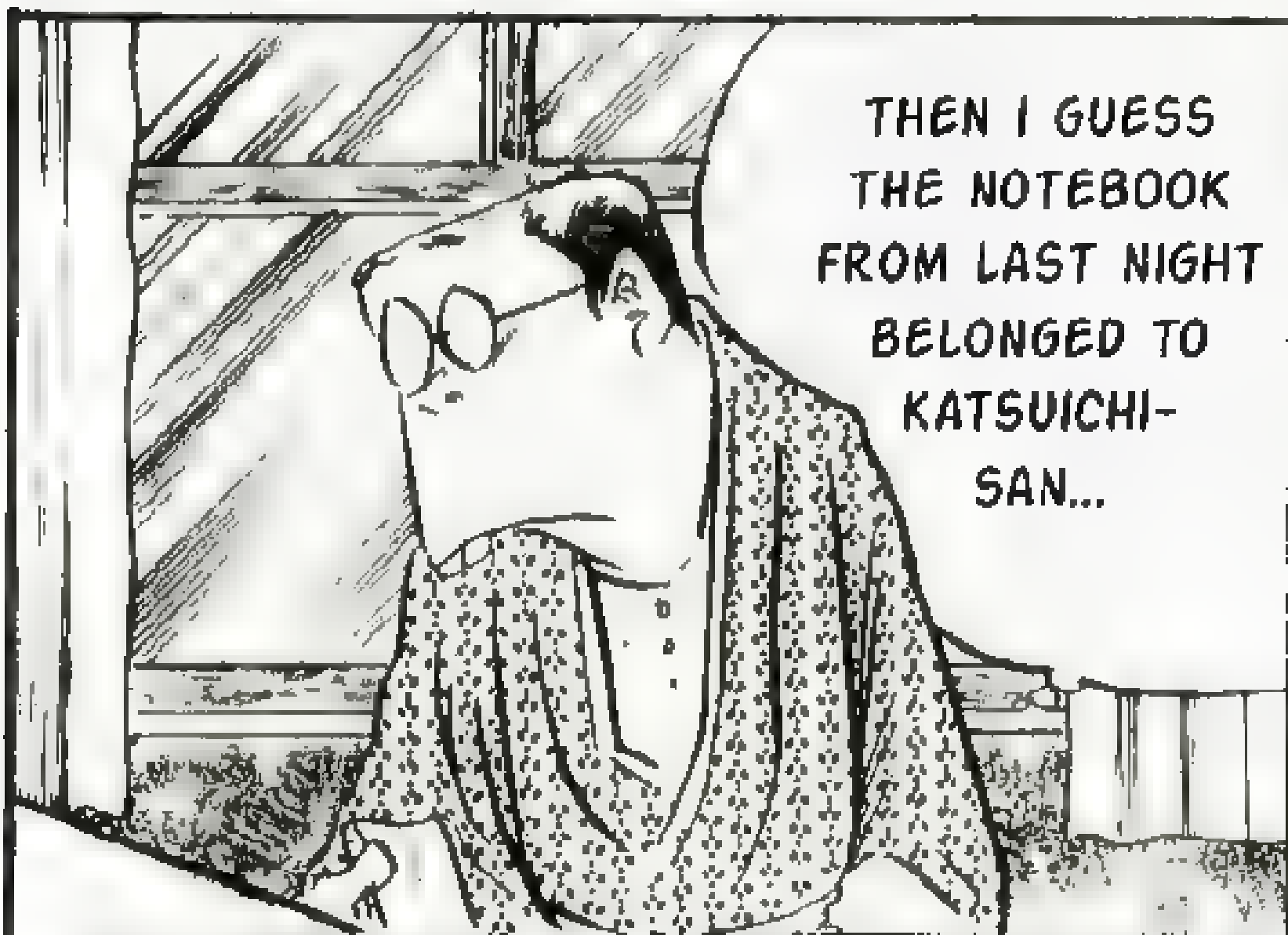
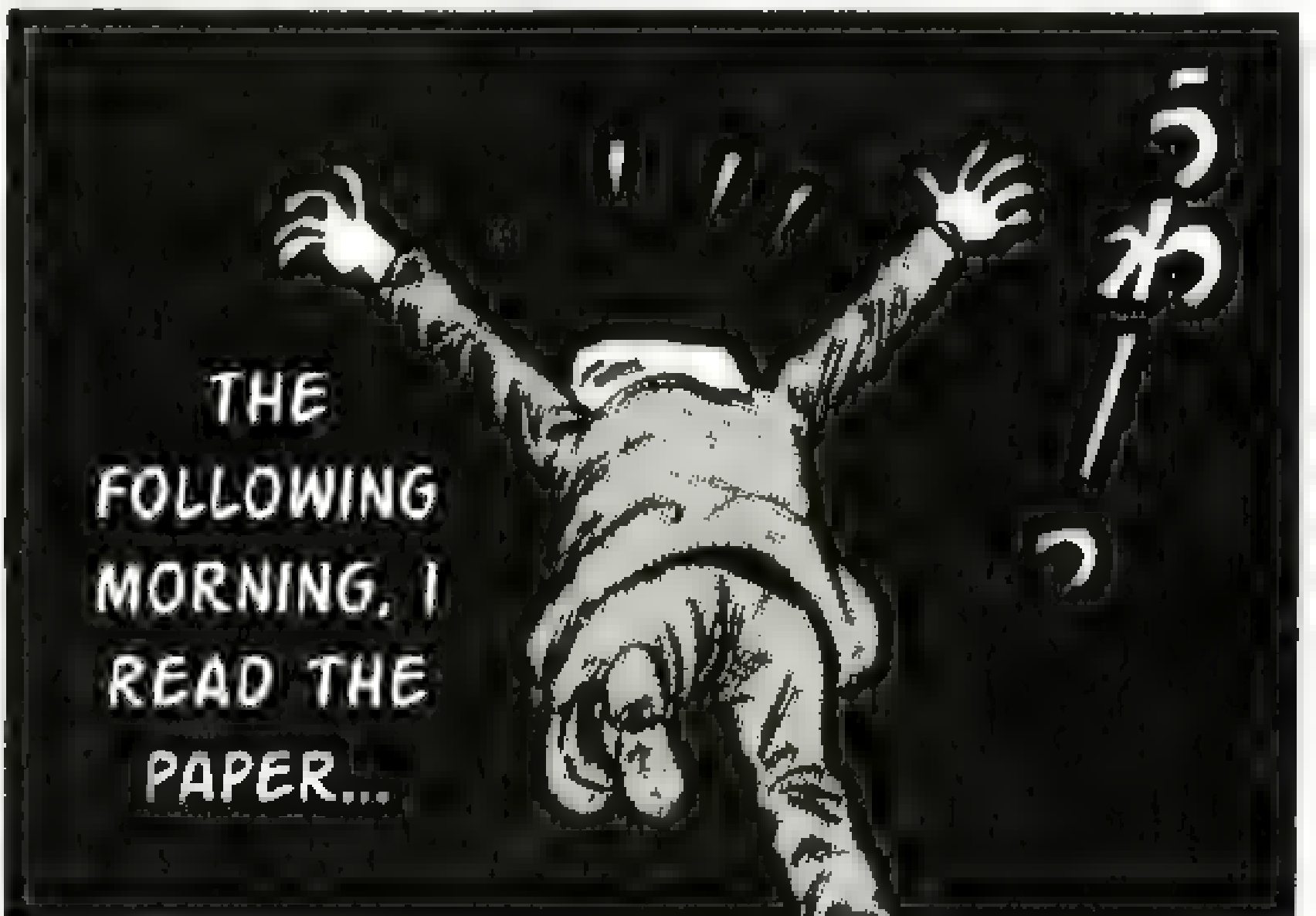
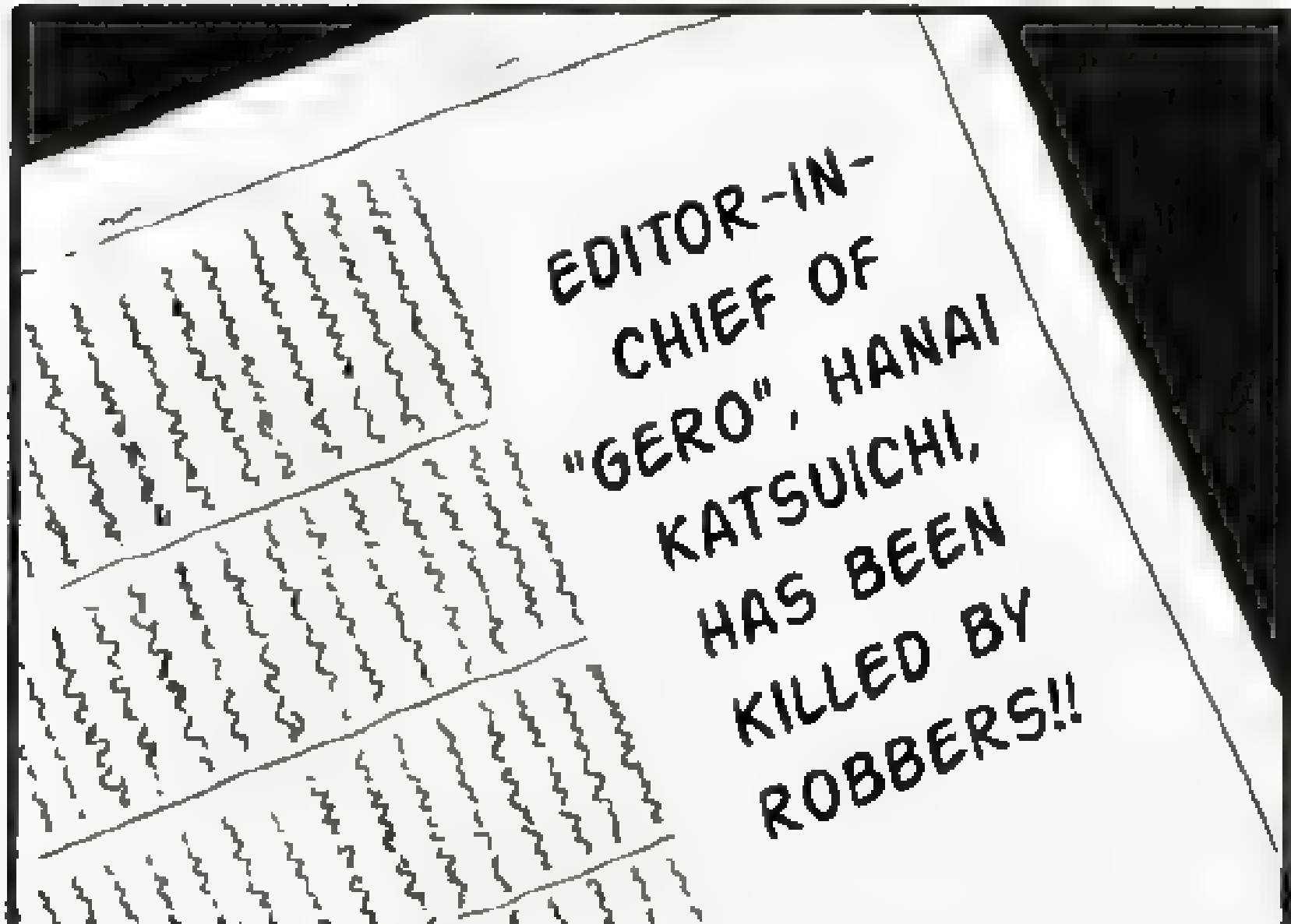
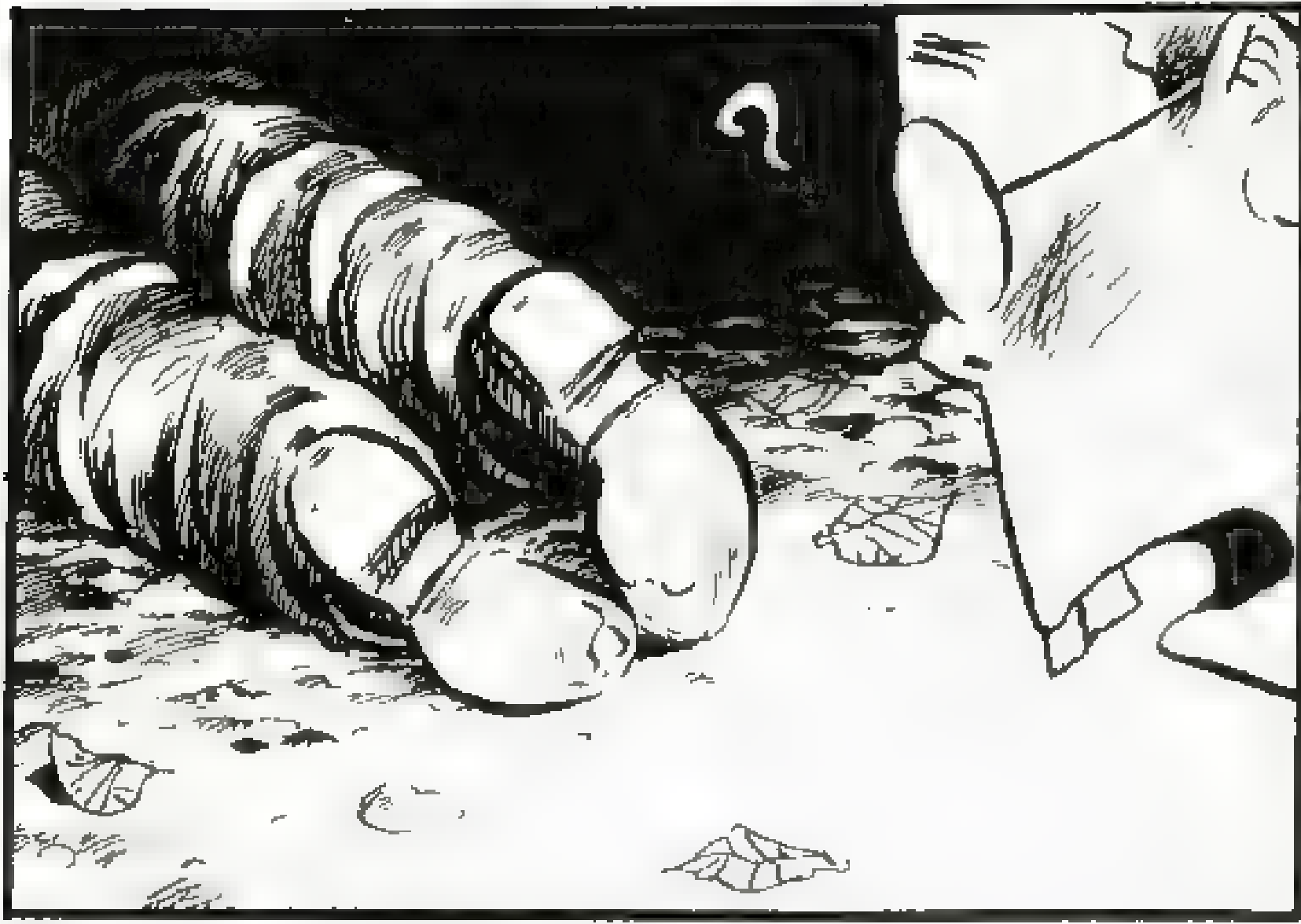


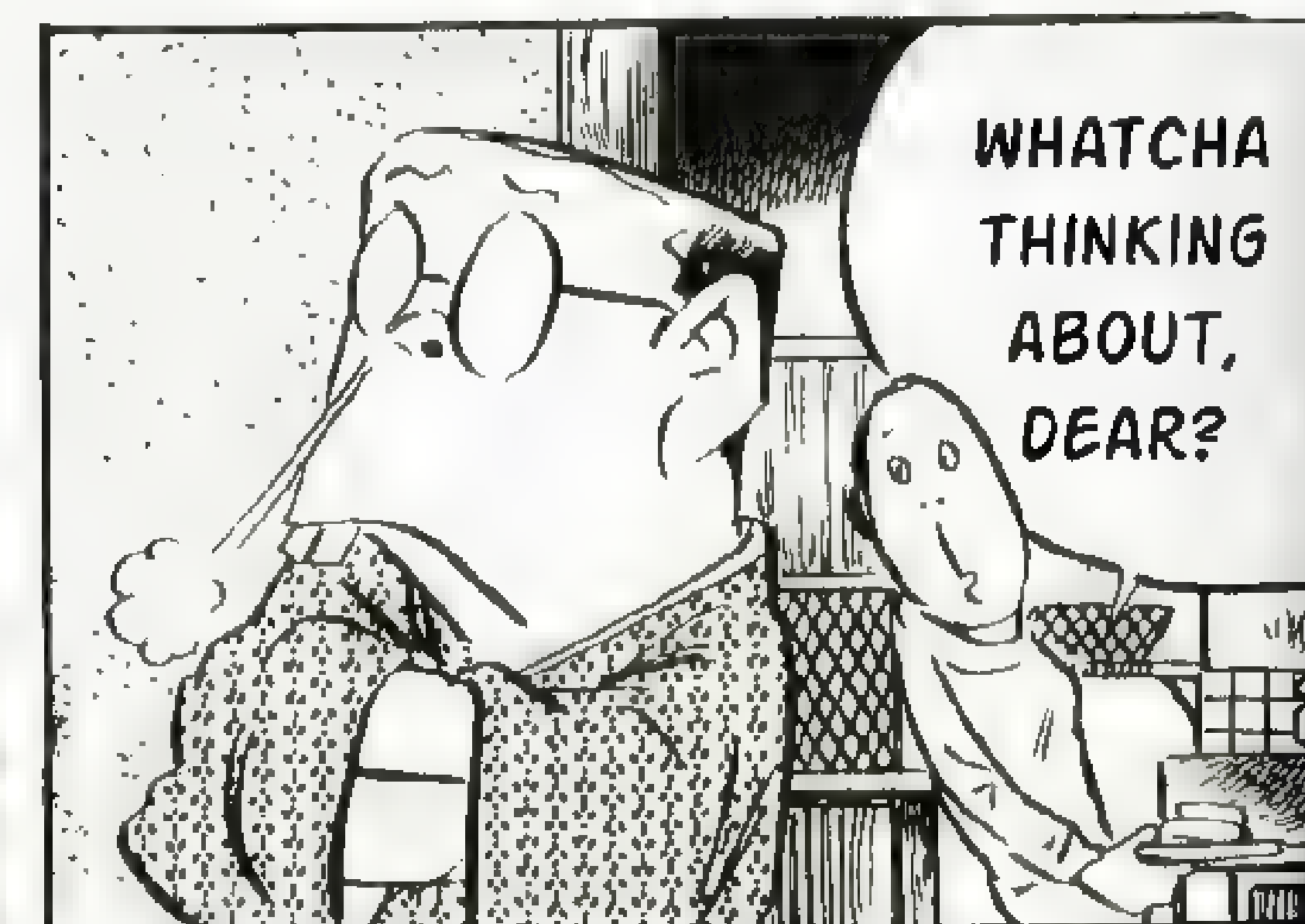
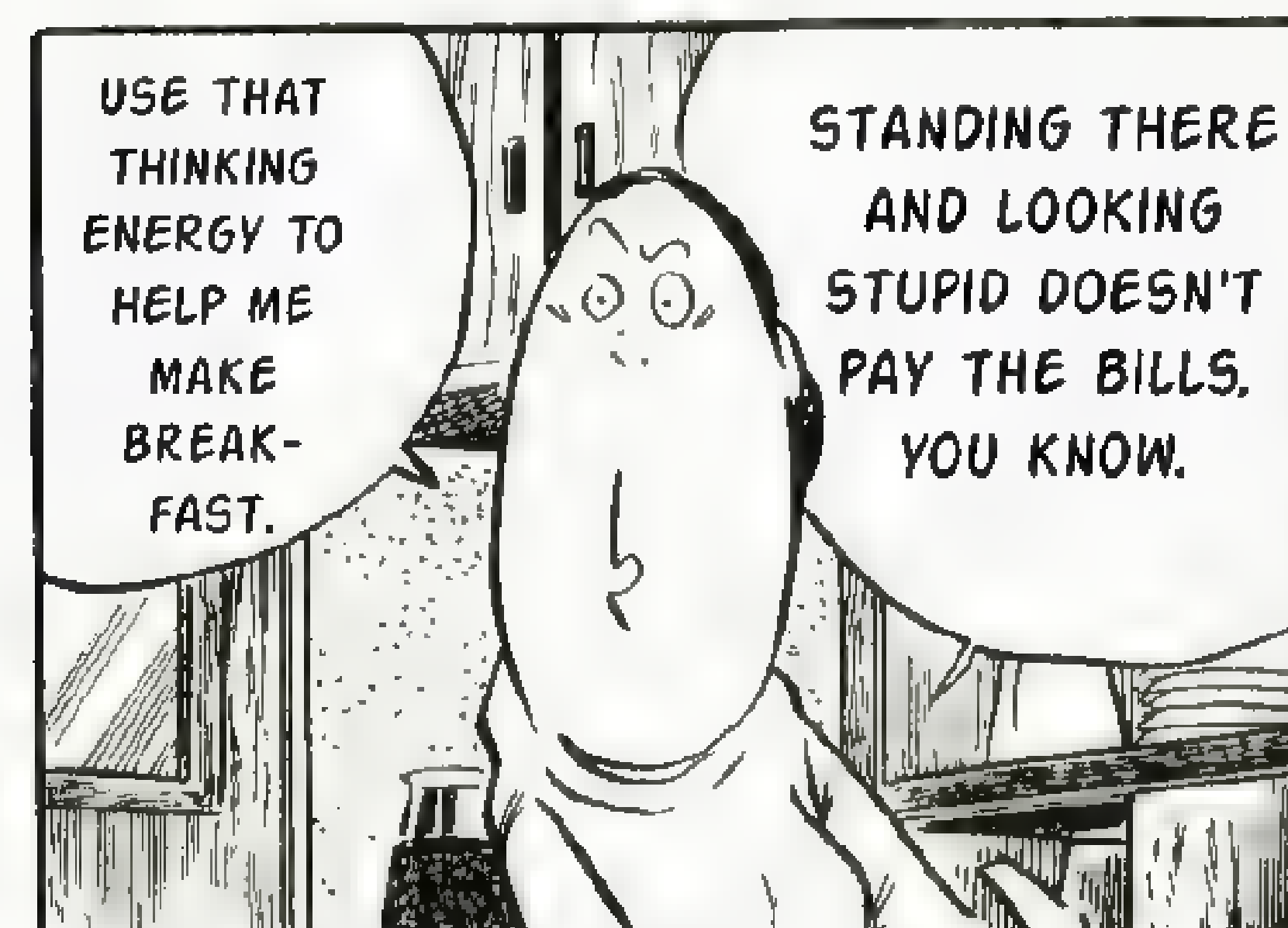
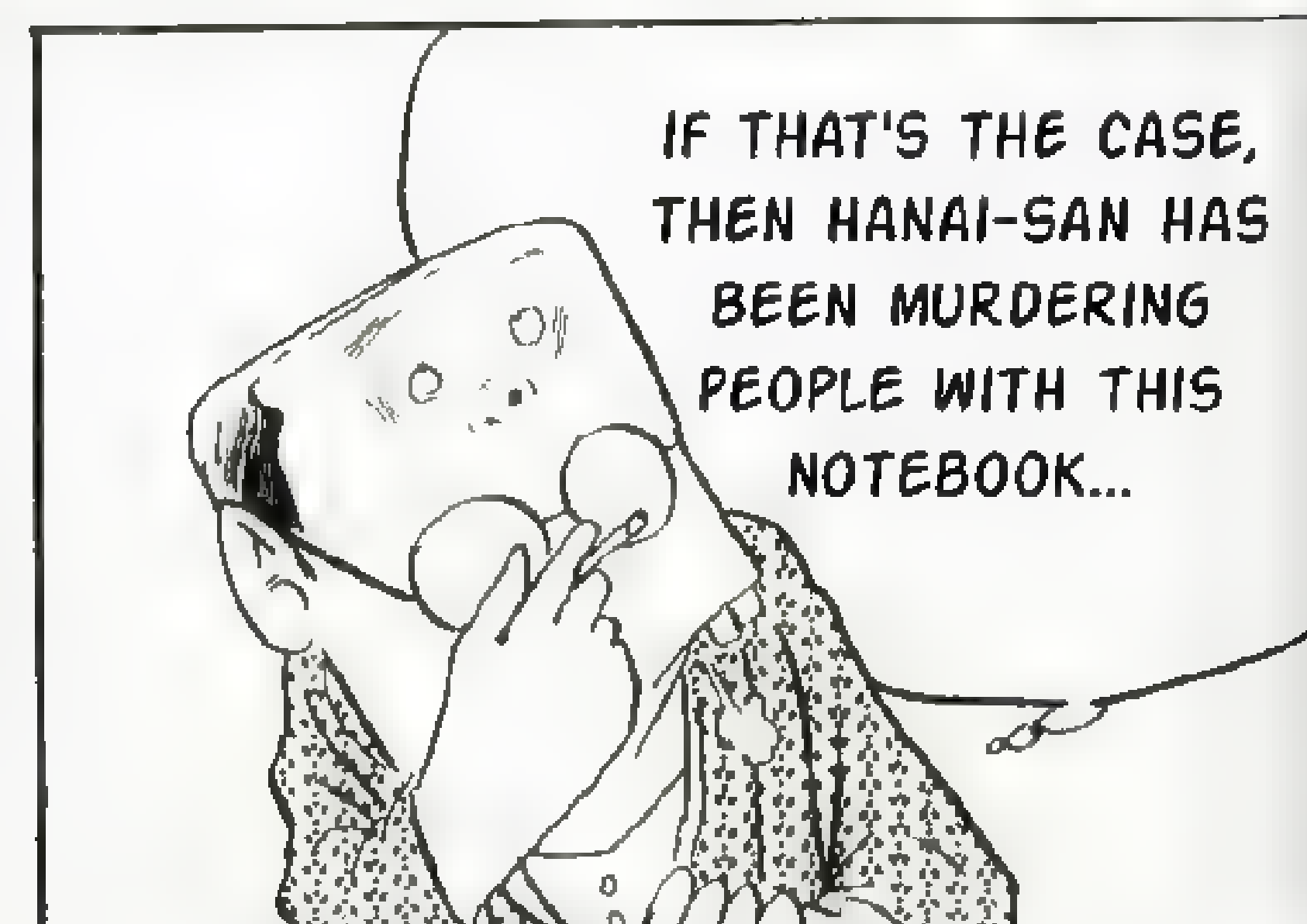
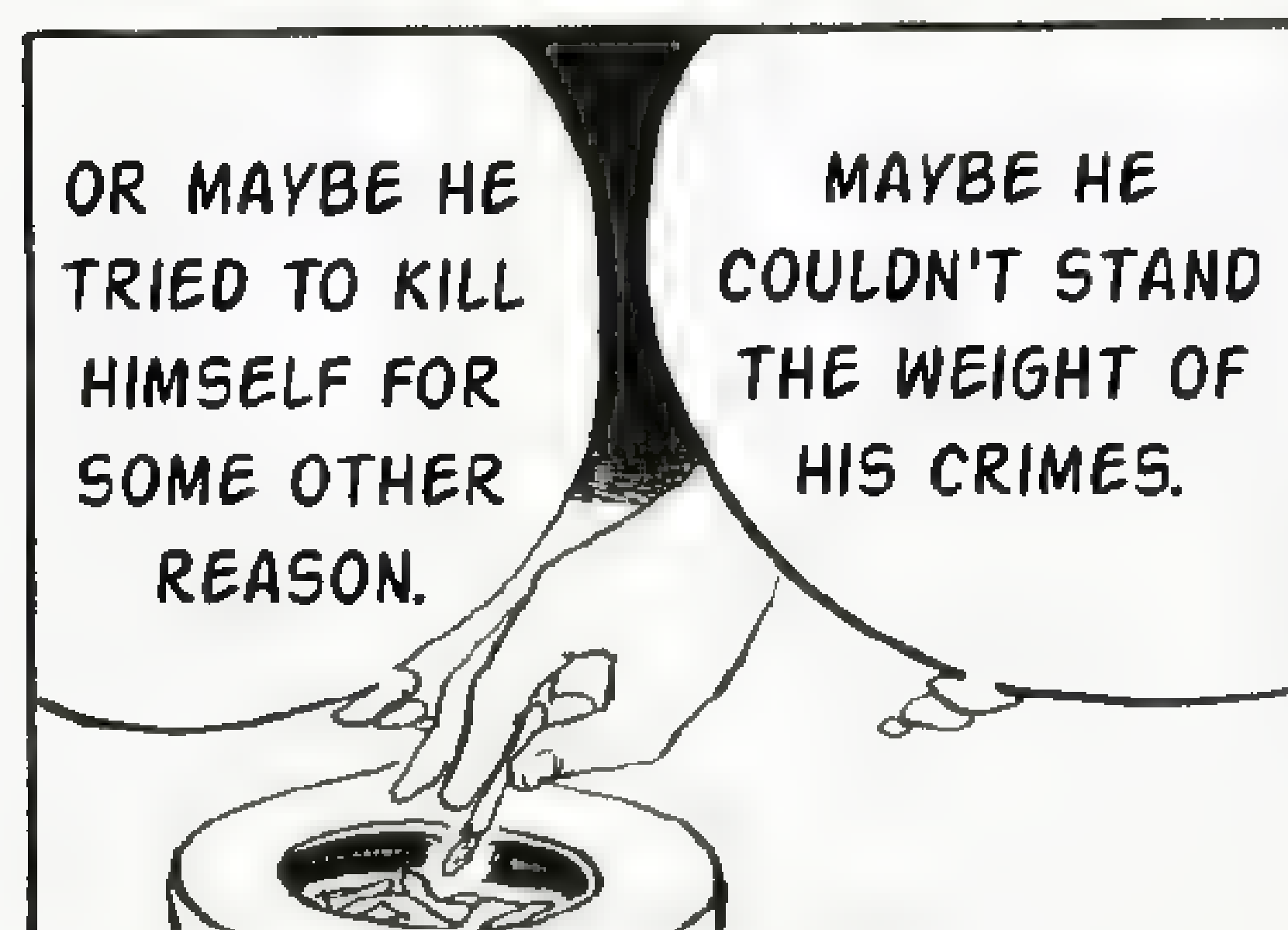
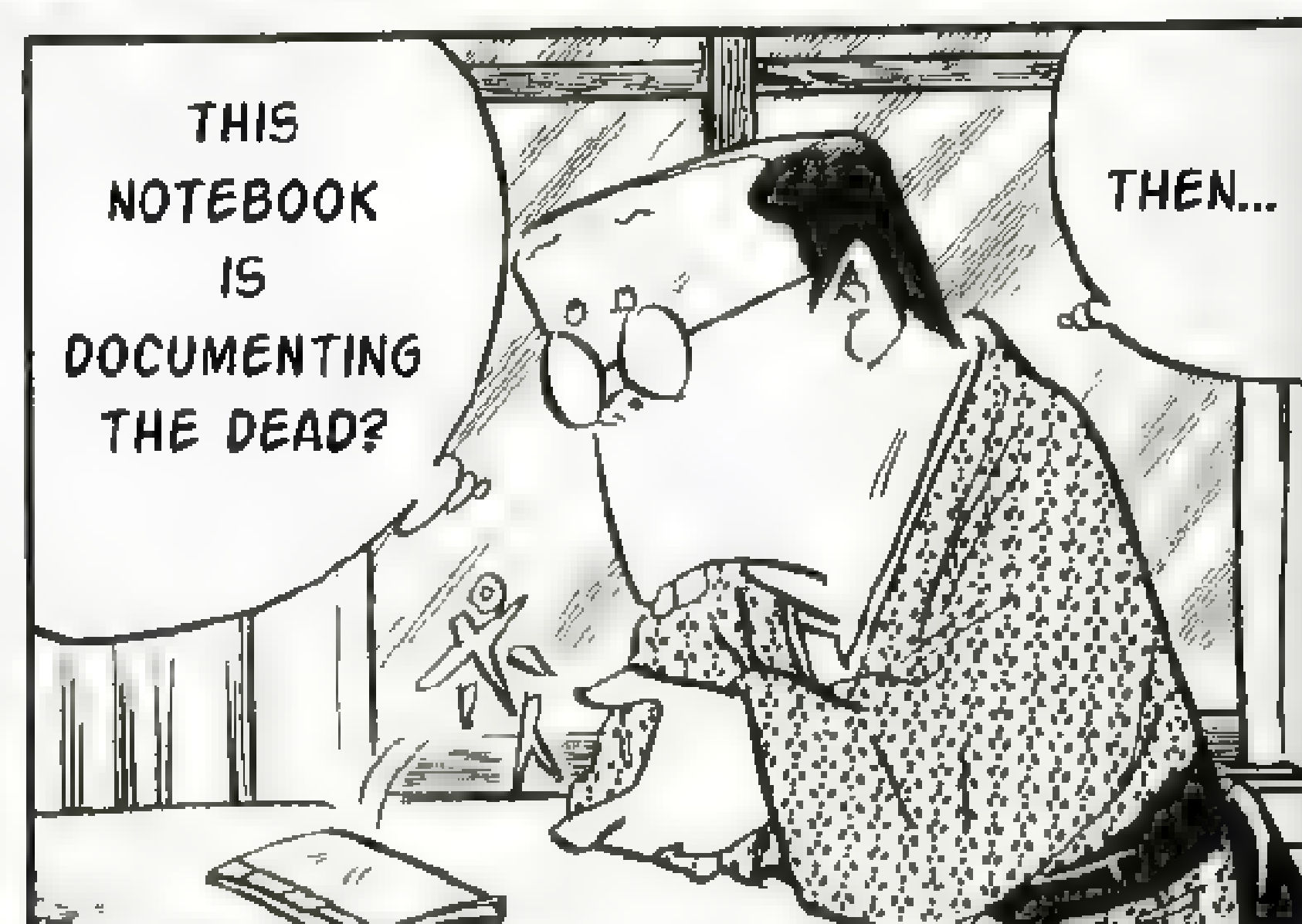
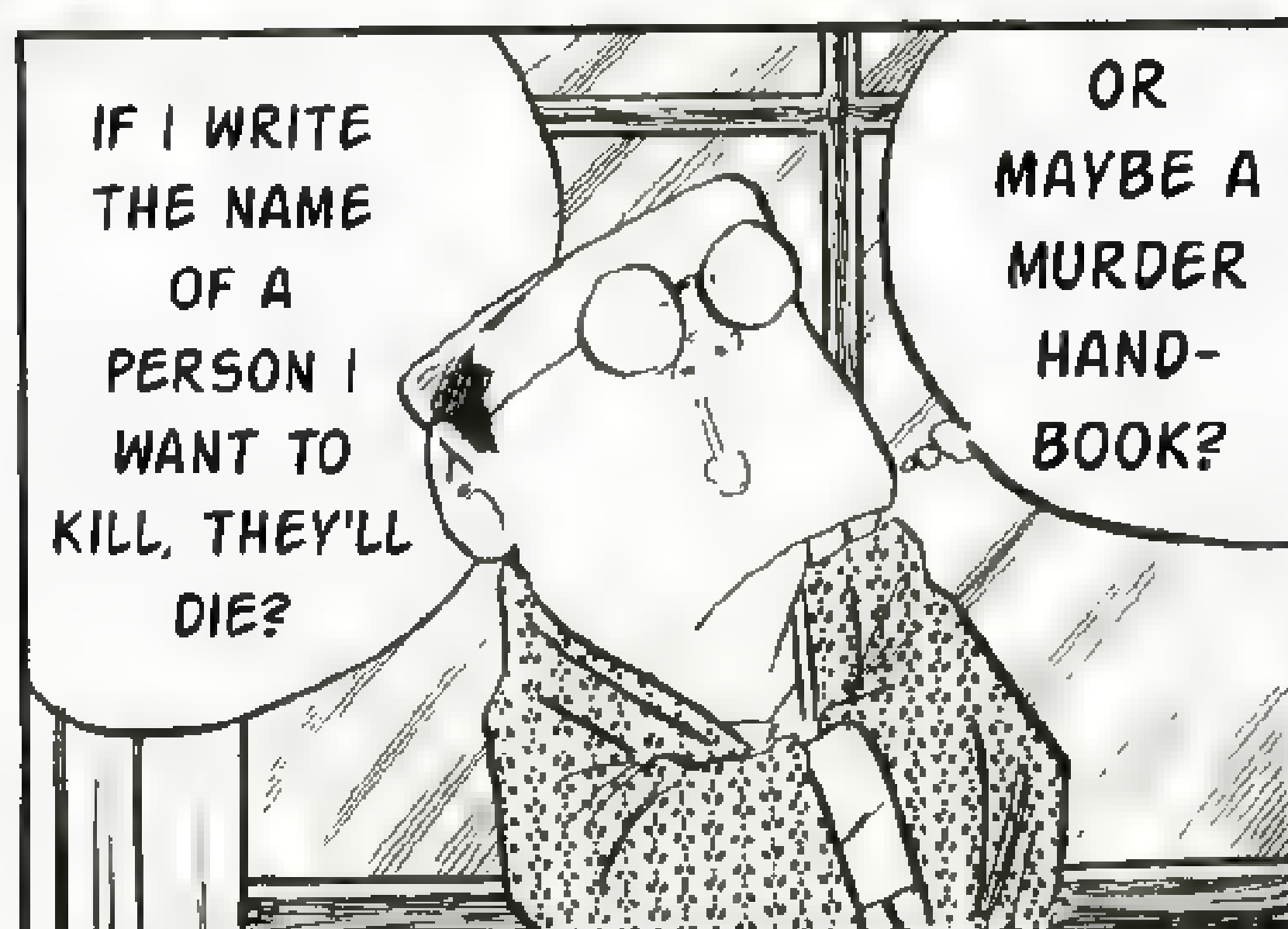














THAT DOG NEXT
DOOR THAT
ALWAYS KEEPS
ME UP AT NIGHT
WITH HIS
BARKING...

...LET'S TEST
MY LITTLE
THEORY.



DIDJA HEAR ABOUT THE
NEIGHBOR'S DOG, POCHI?
APPARENTLY HE WAS
CAUGHT BY SOME WILD DOG
HUNTERS.



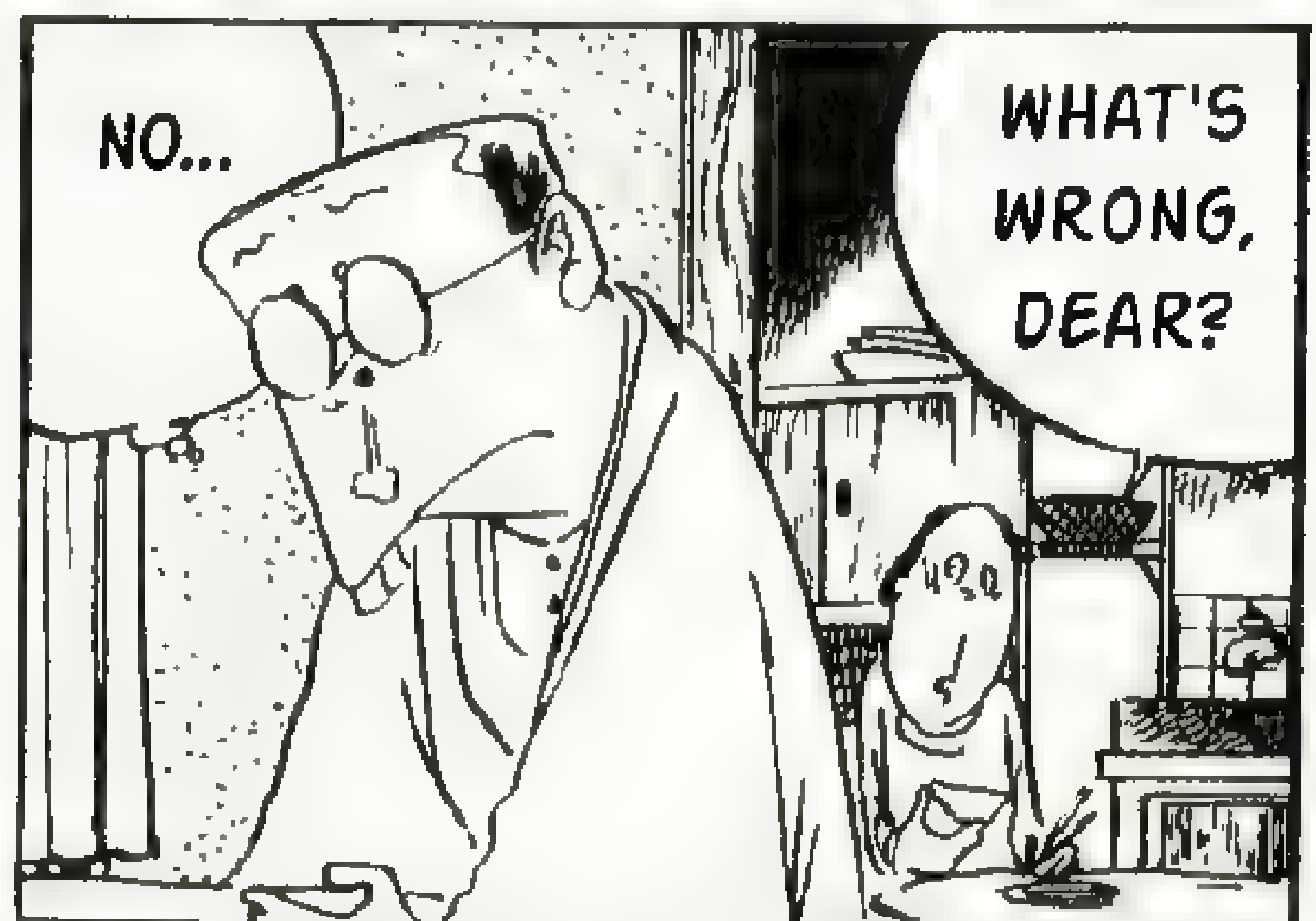
ACK!!



A FEW DAYS
LATER...

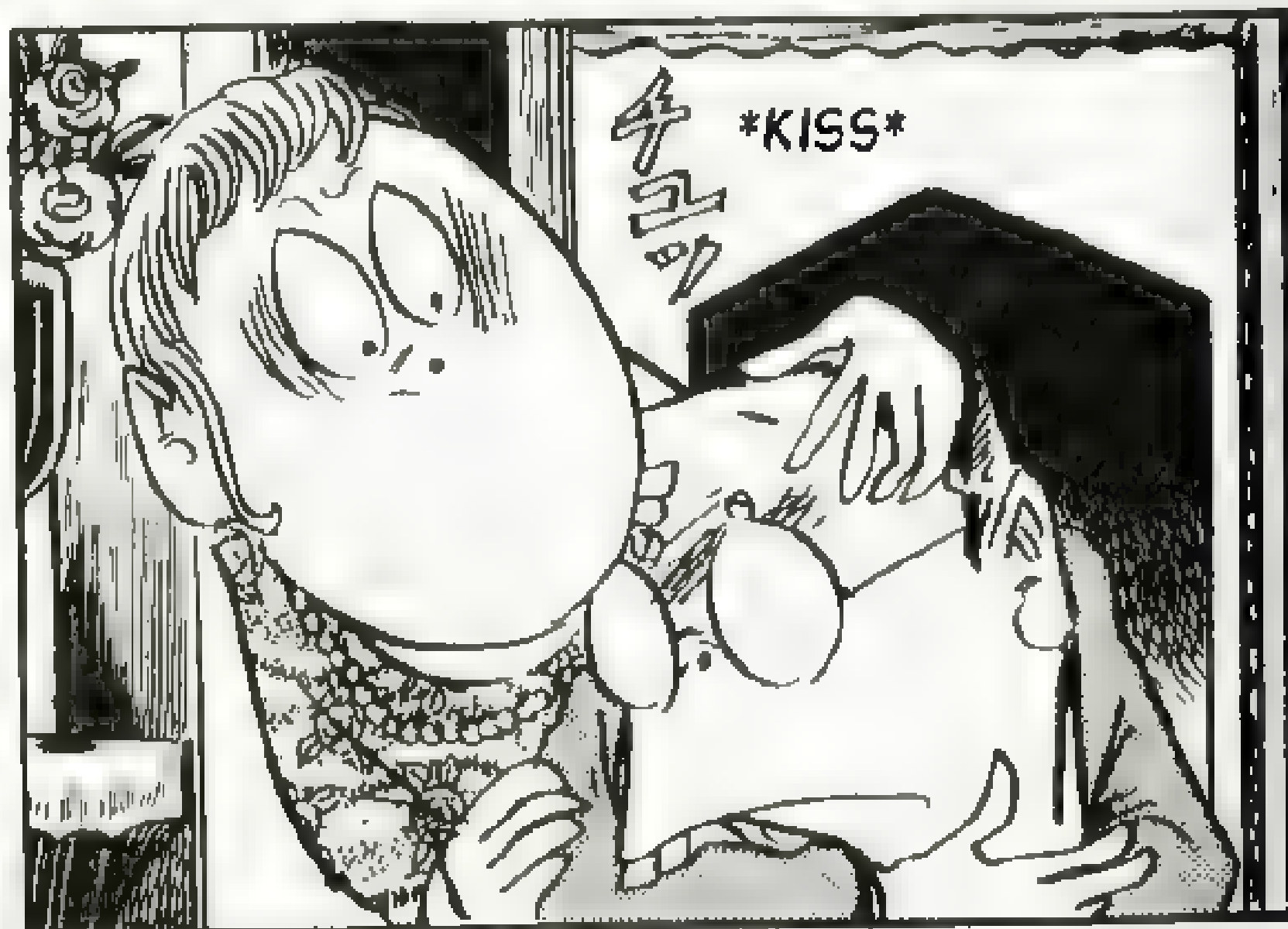
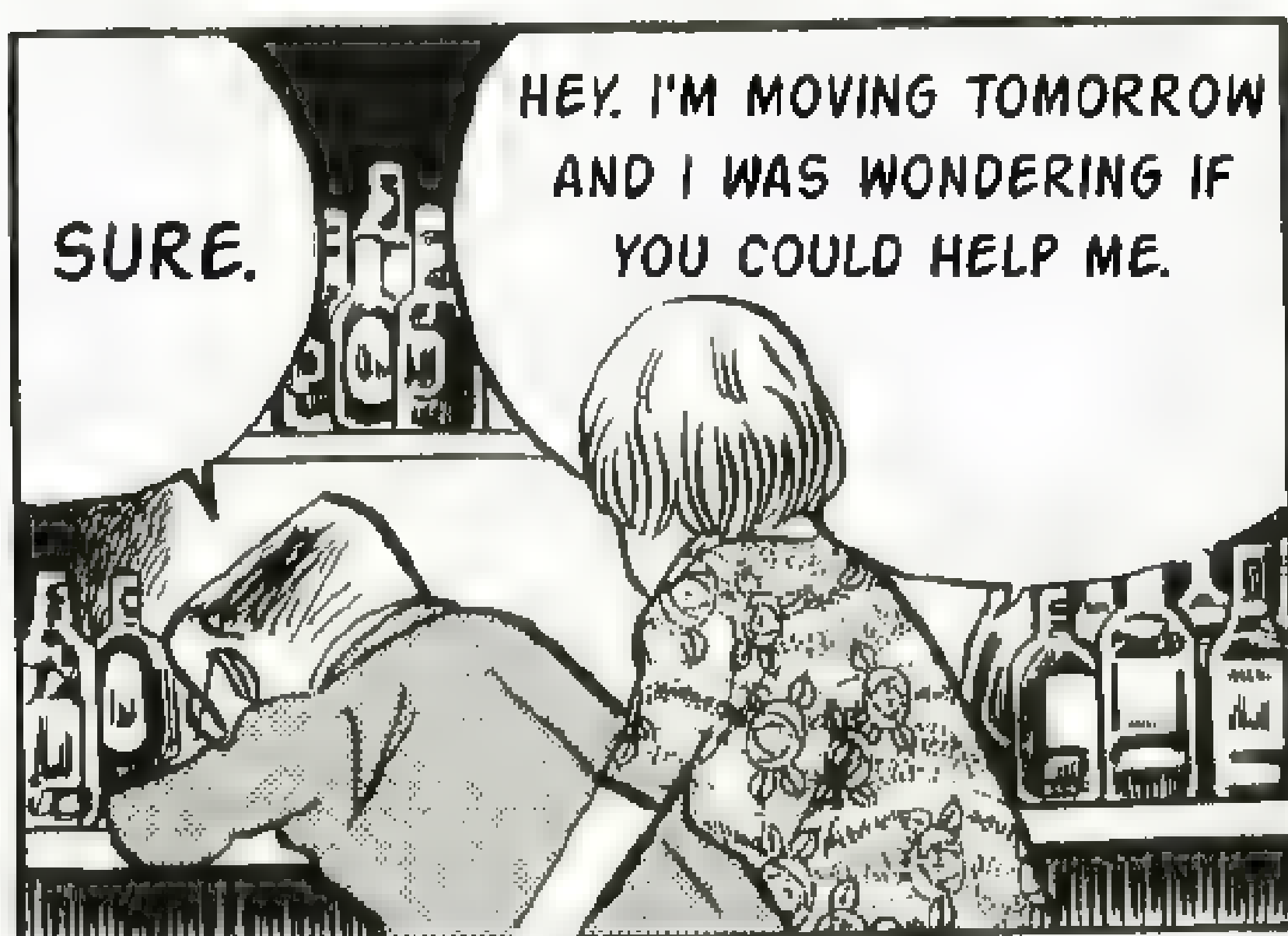
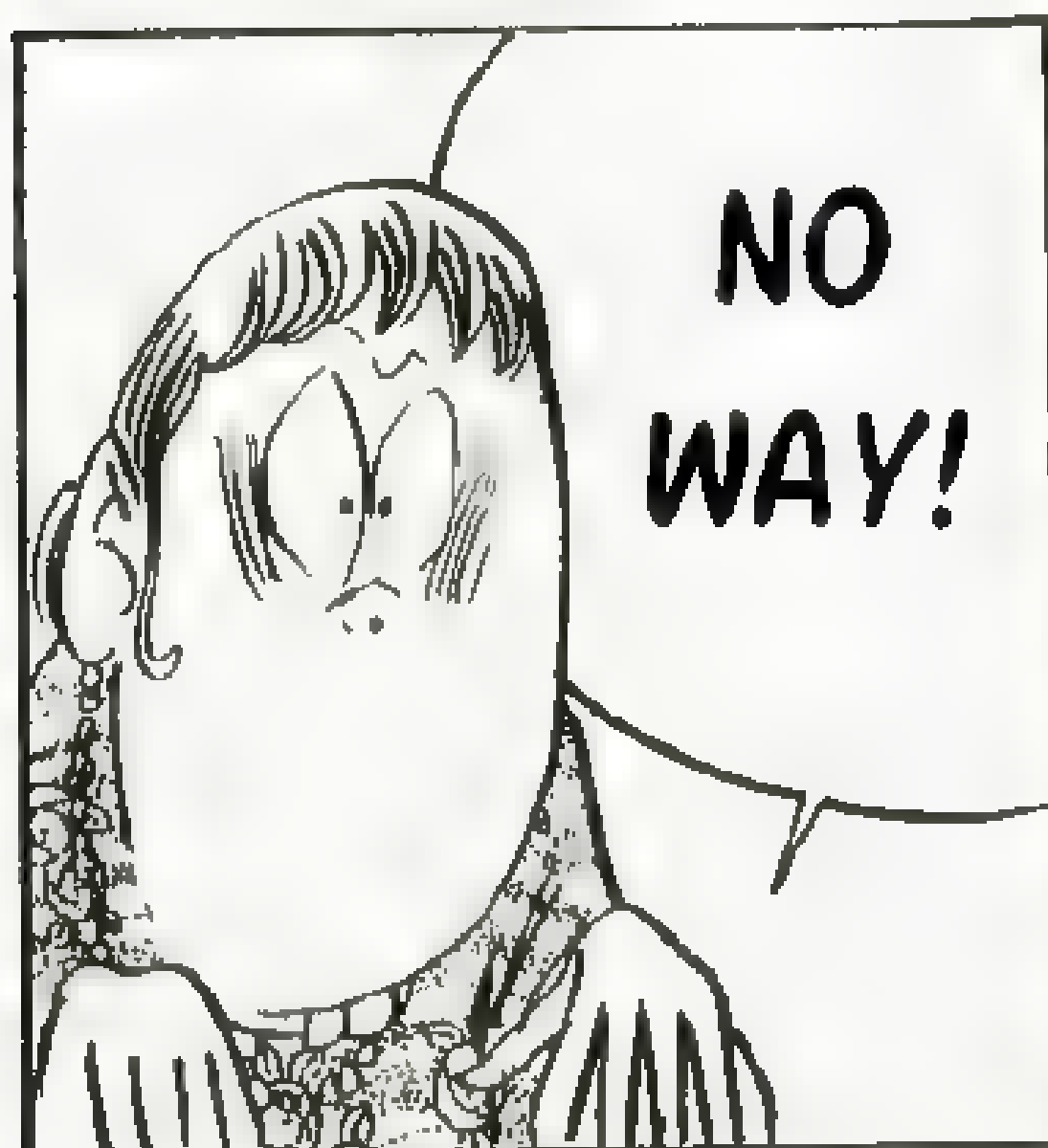
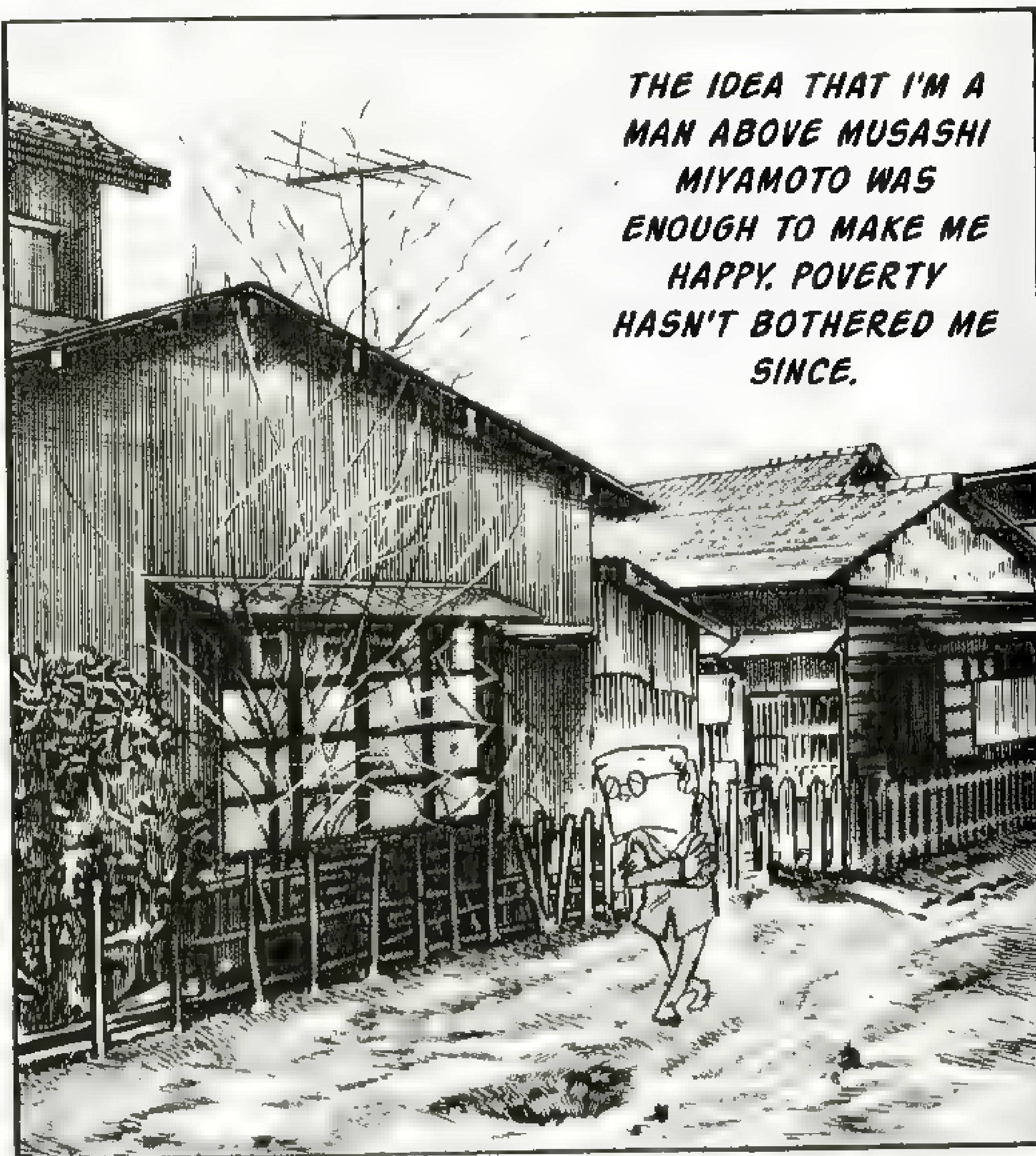
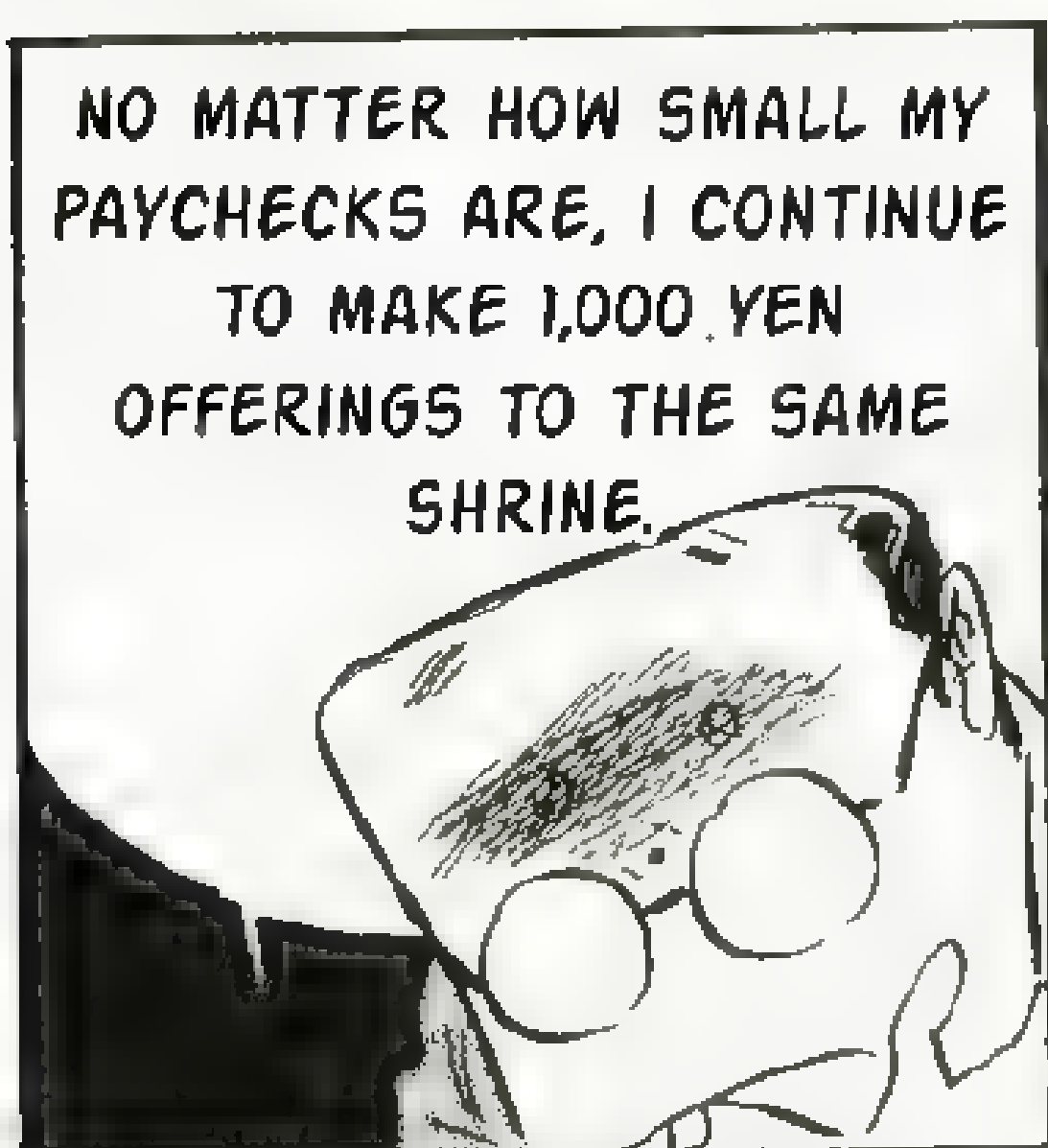
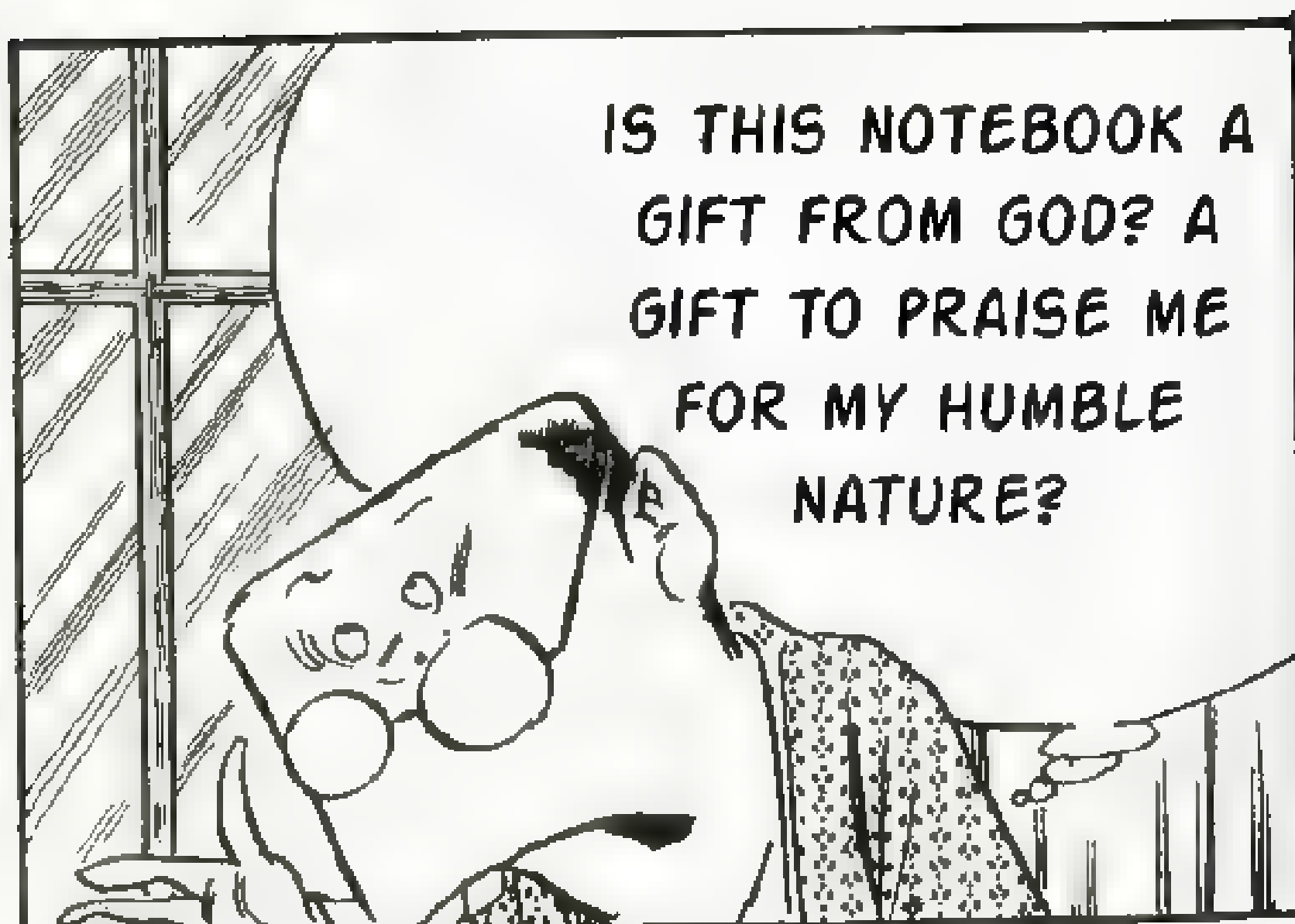
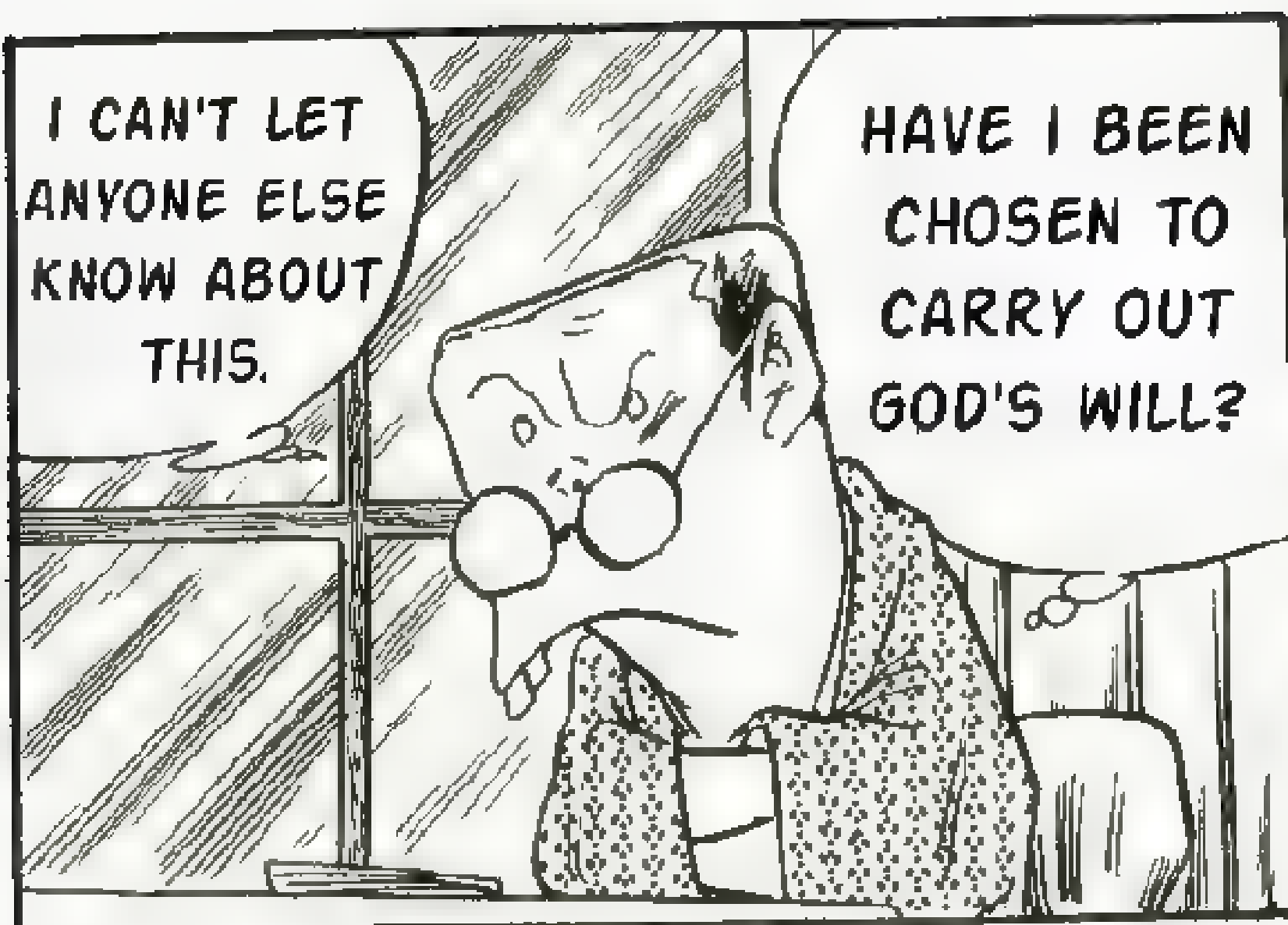


IT CAN'T
BE!!



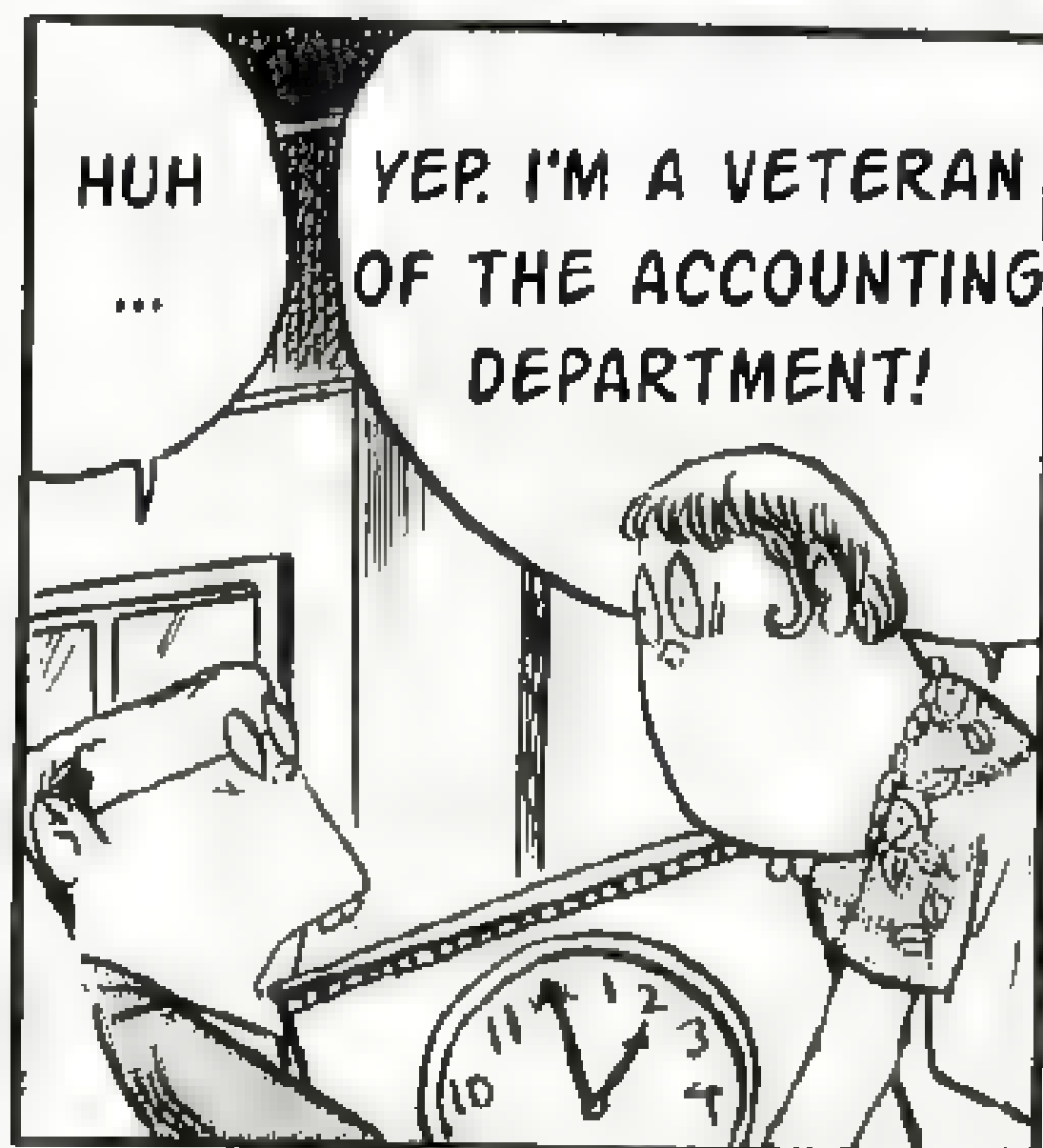
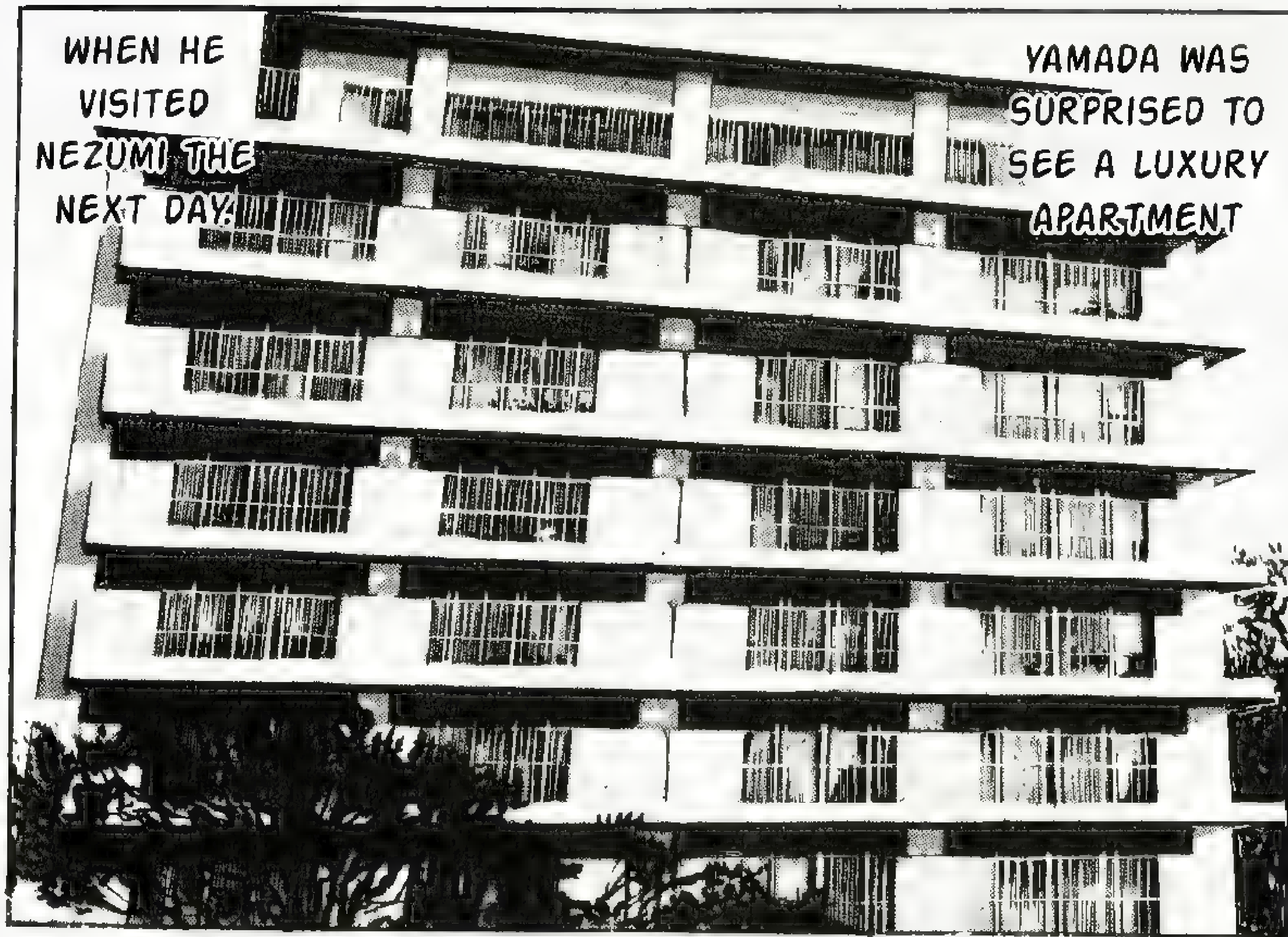
NO...

WHAT'S
WRONG,
DEAR?



WHEN HE
VISITED
NEZUMI THE
NEXT DAY:

YAMADA WAS
SURPRISED TO
SEE A LUXURY
APARTMENT



HUH
...

YEP. I'M A VETERAN
OF THE ACCOUNTING
DEPARTMENT!

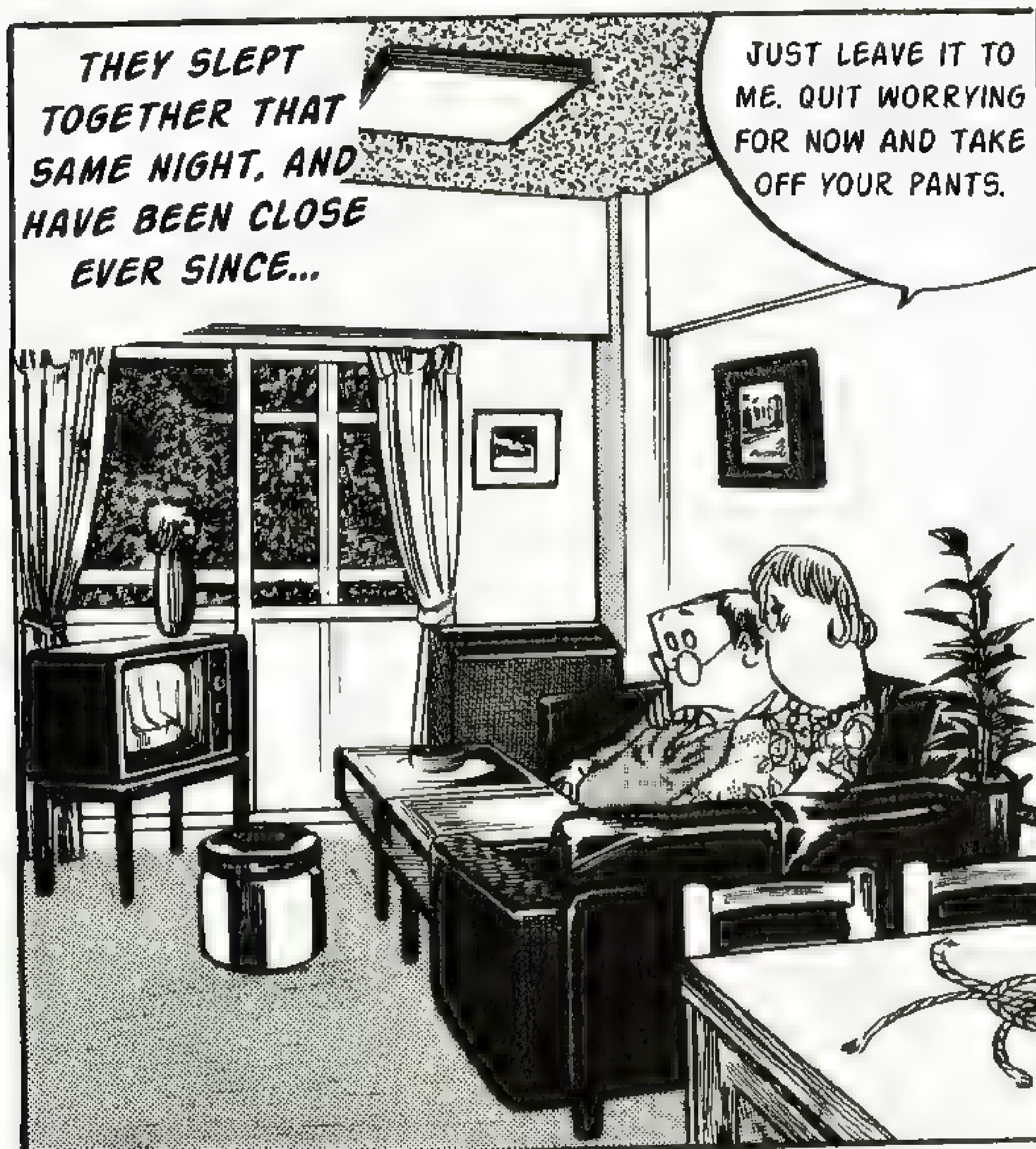
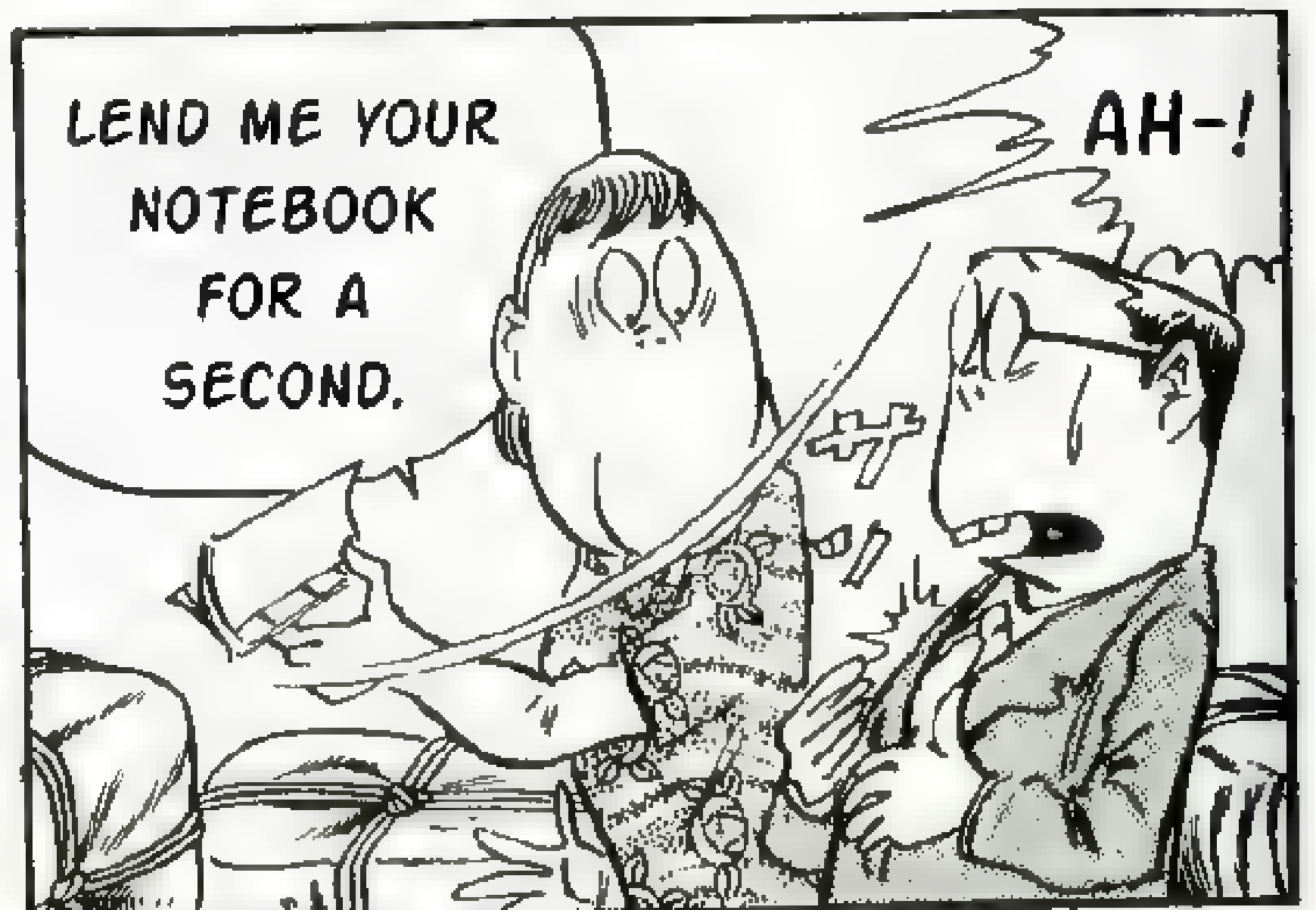
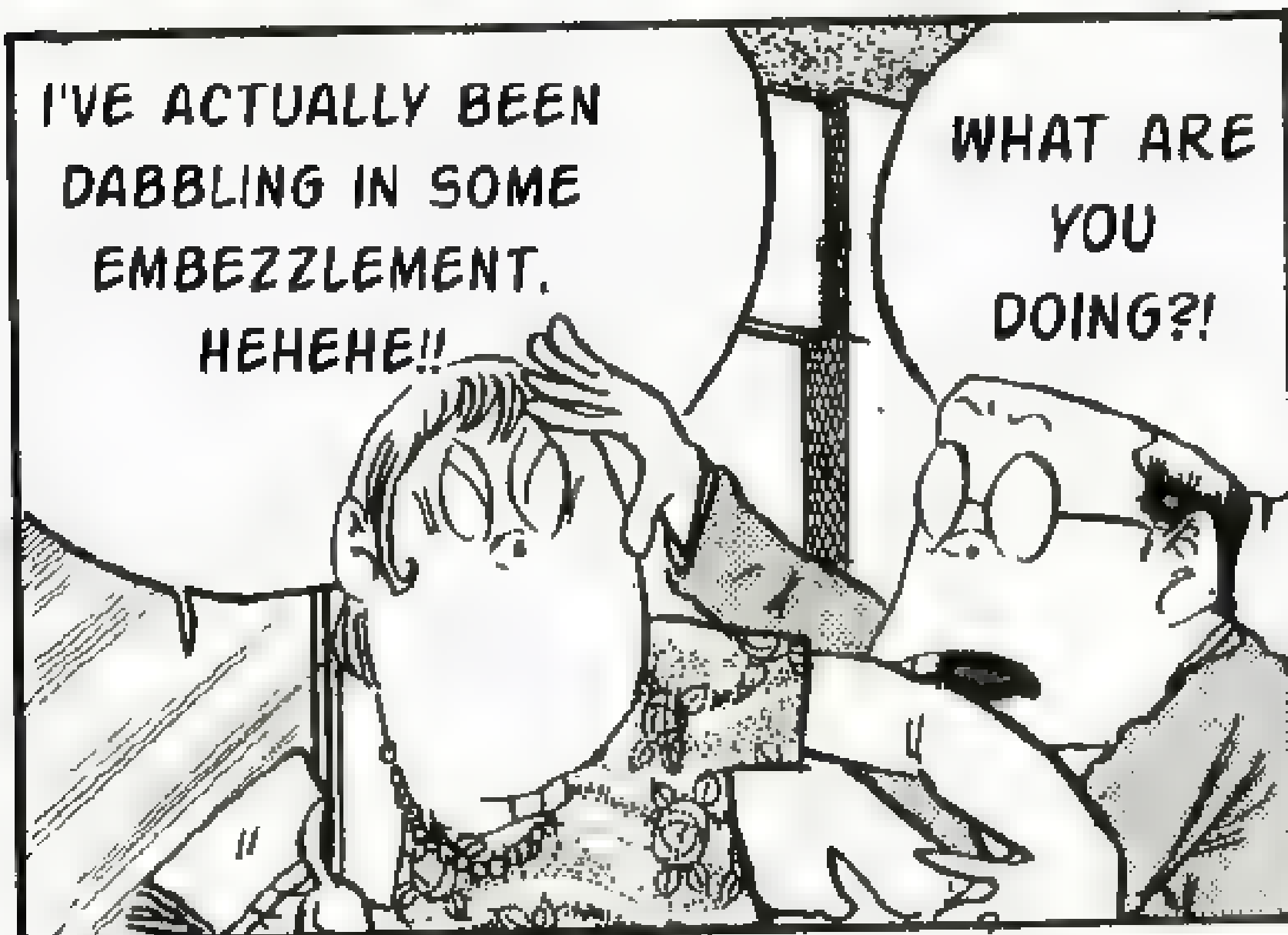


IT WAS
MADE IN
FRANCE!

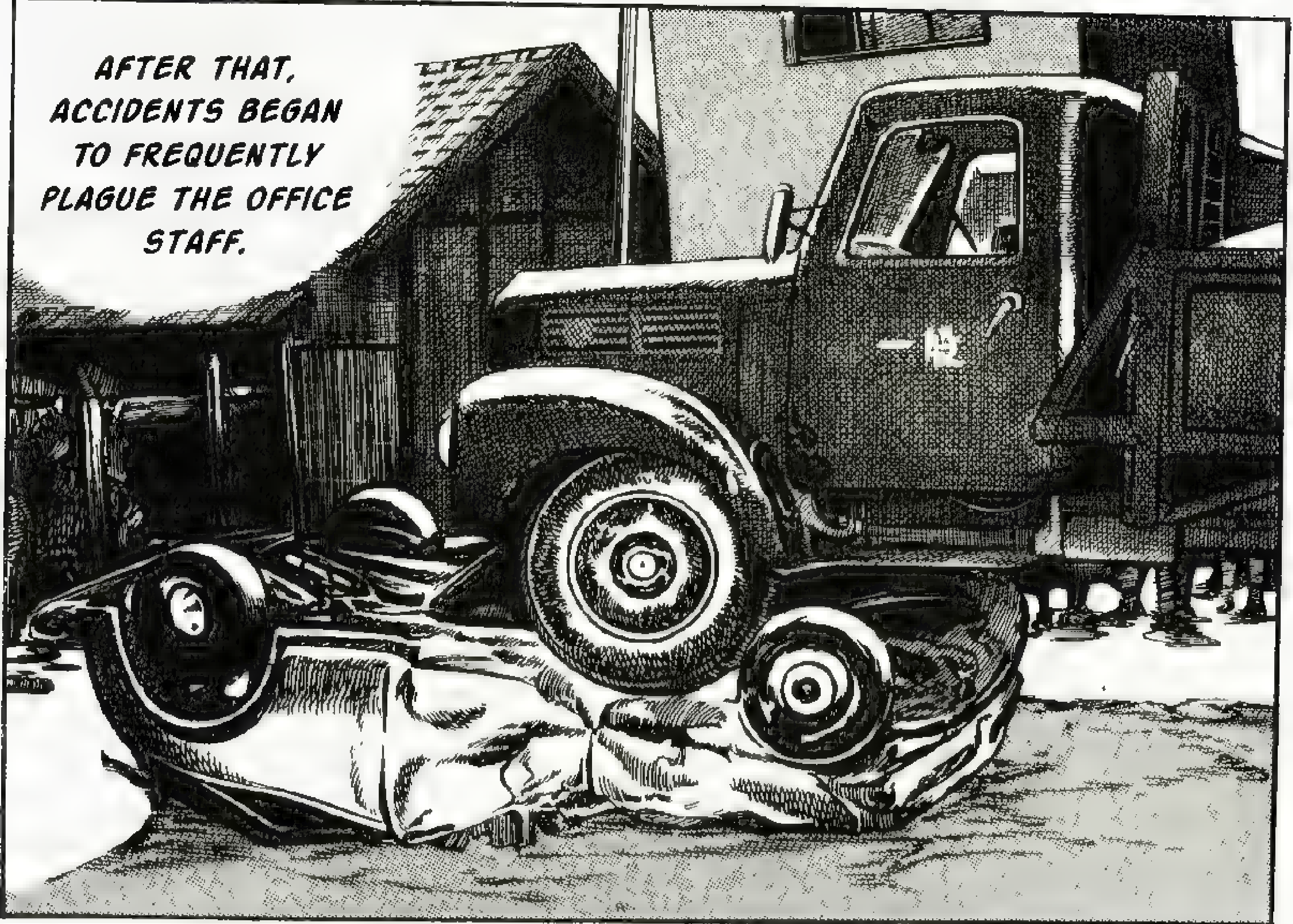
WOW, THIS IS
A GORGEOUS
CLOCK!



ARE YOU
SURE THIS
IS THE
PLACE?

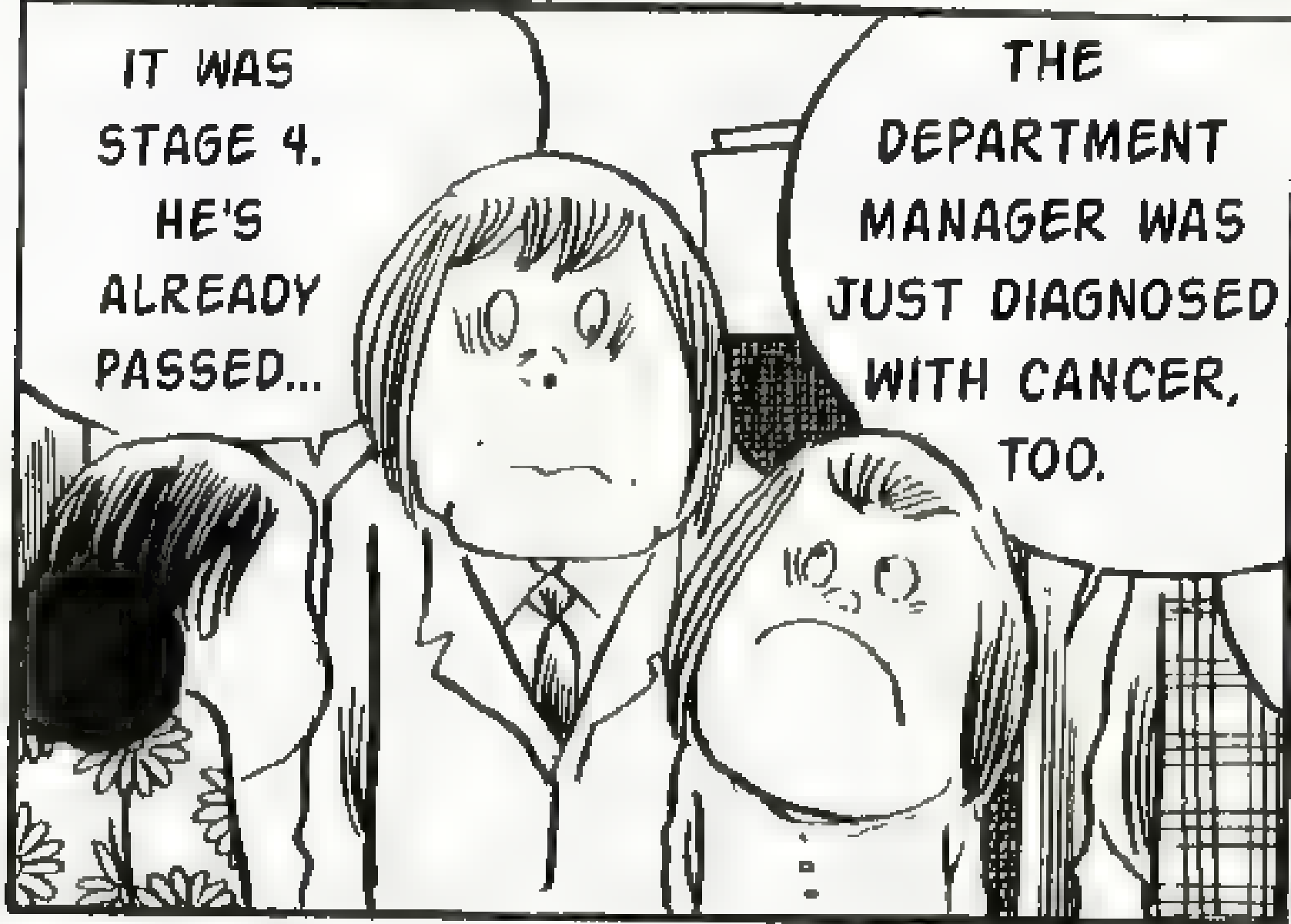


**AFTER THAT,
ACCIDENTS BEGAN
TO FREQUENTLY
PLAGUE THE OFFICE
STAFF.**



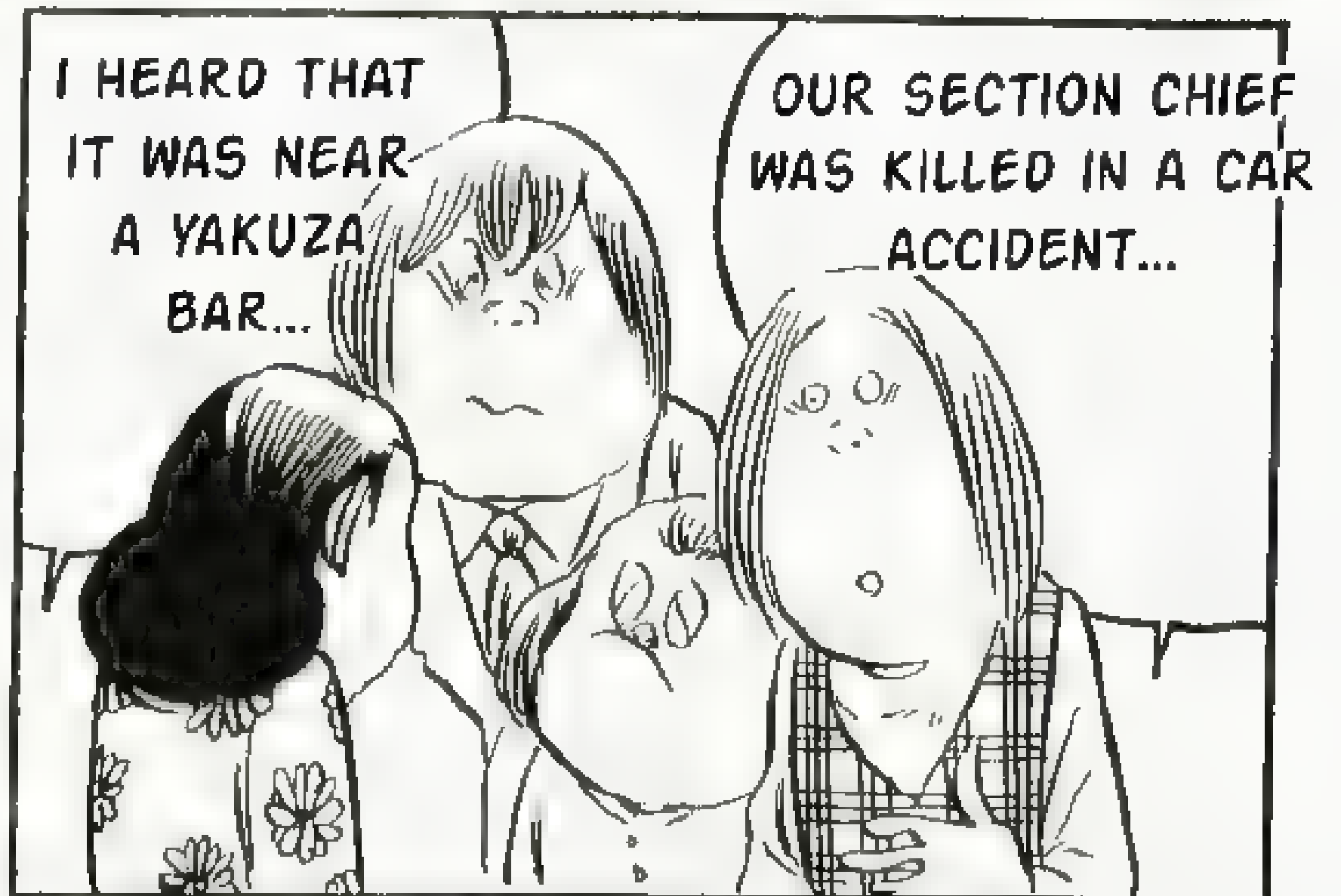
IT WAS
STAGE 4.
HE'S
ALREADY
PASSED...

THE
DEPARTMENT
MANAGER WAS
JUST DIAGNOSED
WITH CANCER,
TOO.



I HEARD THAT
IT WAS NEAR
A YAKUZA
BAR...

OUR SECTION CHIEF
WAS KILLED IN A CAR
ACCIDENT...

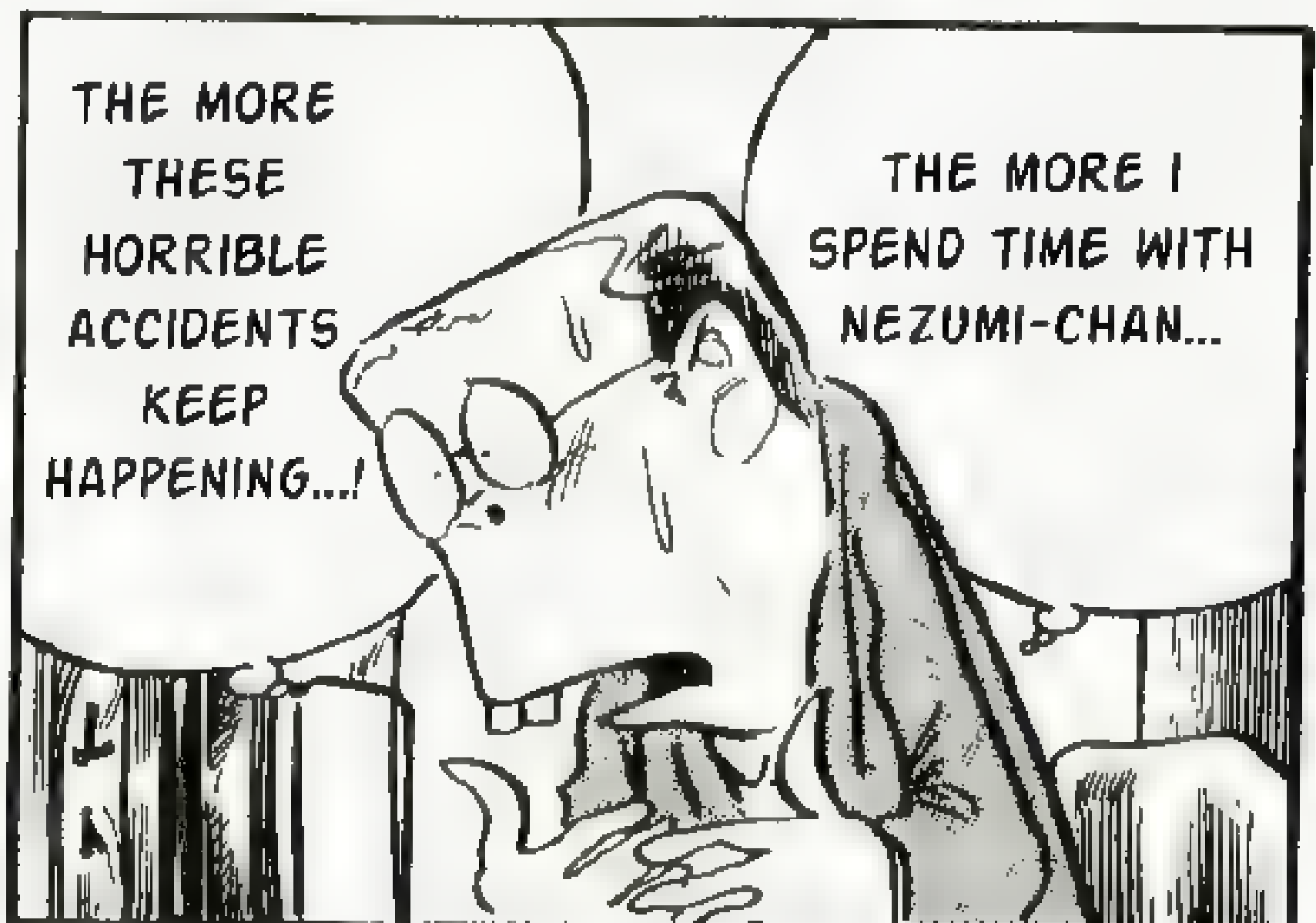


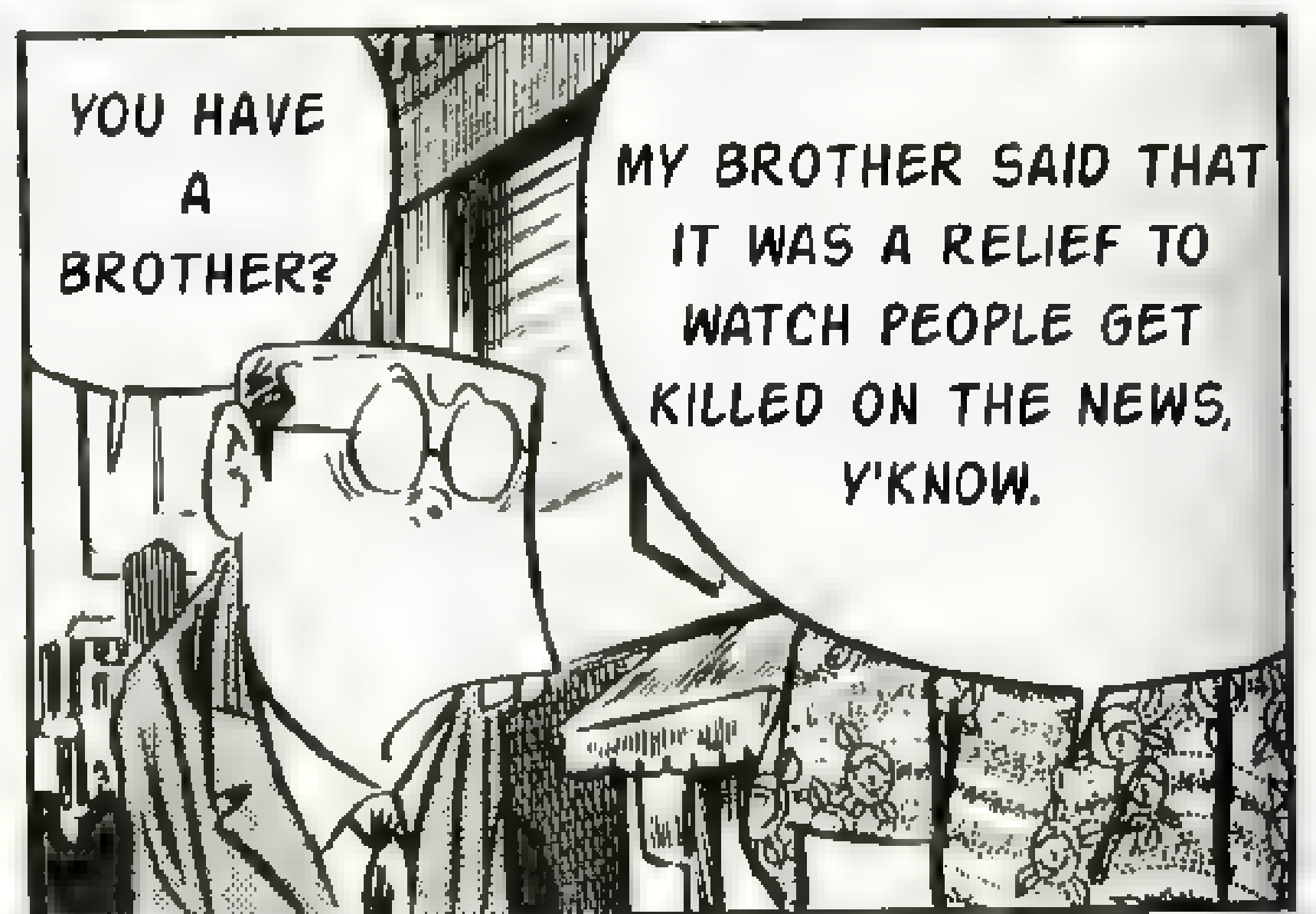
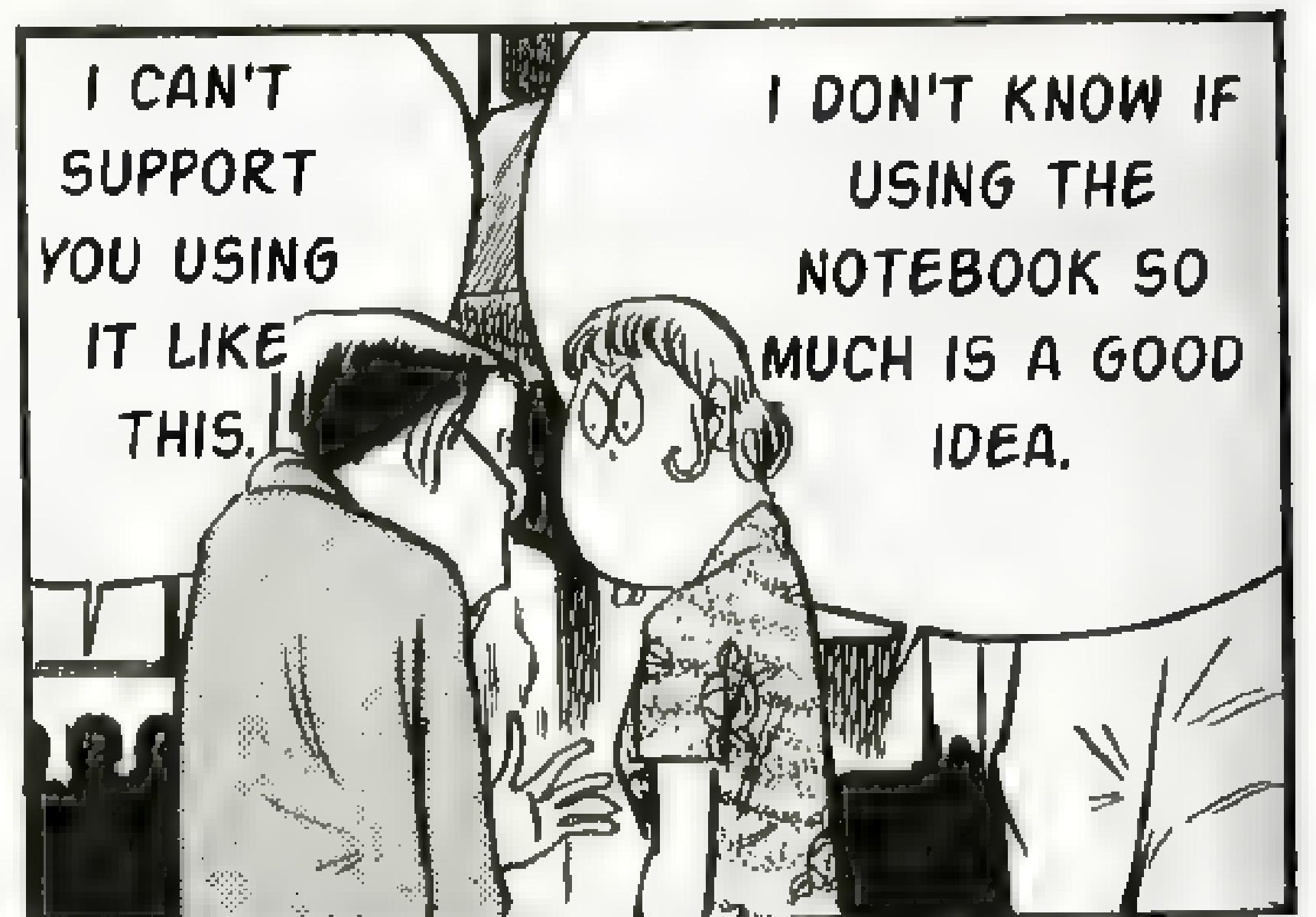
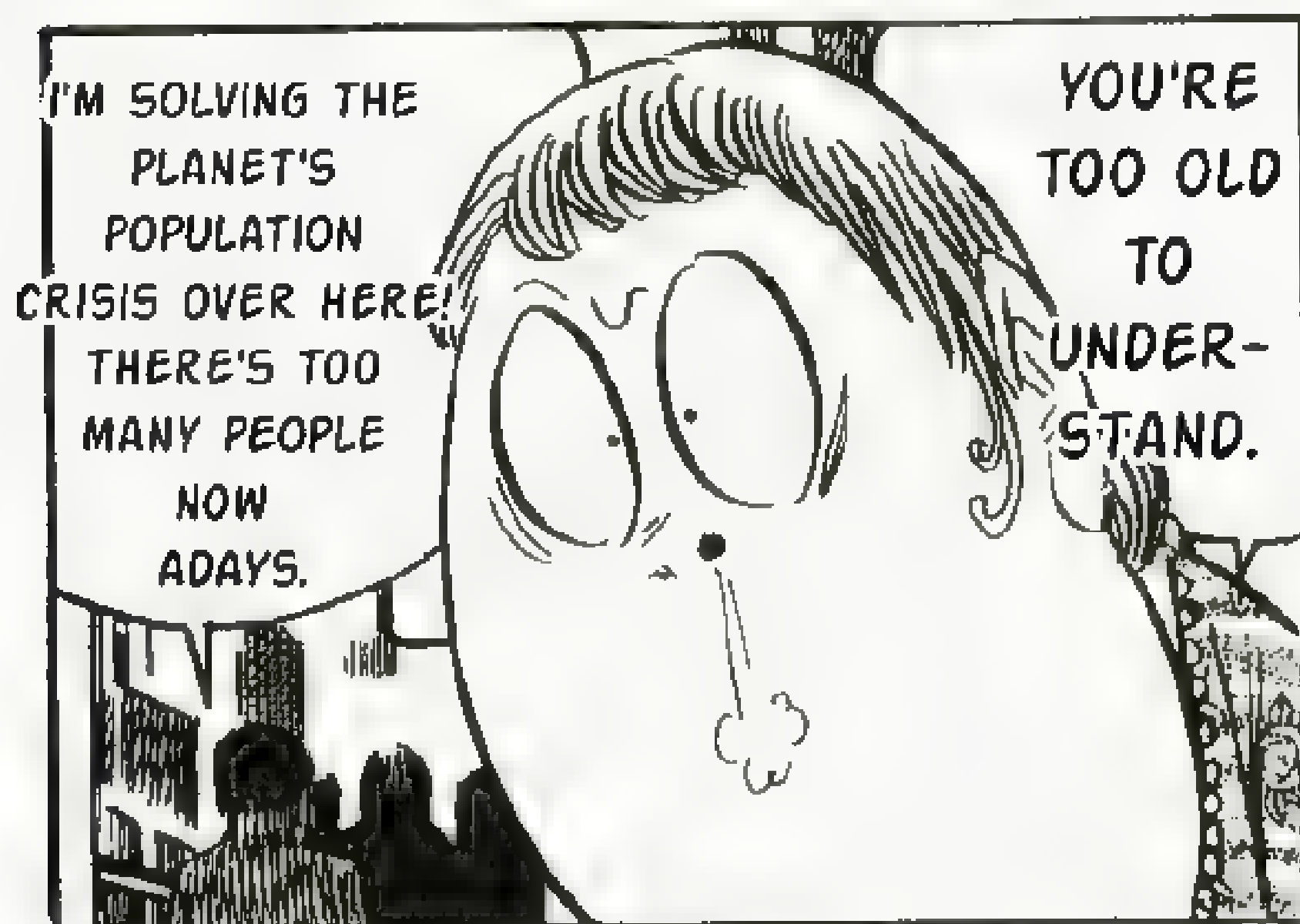
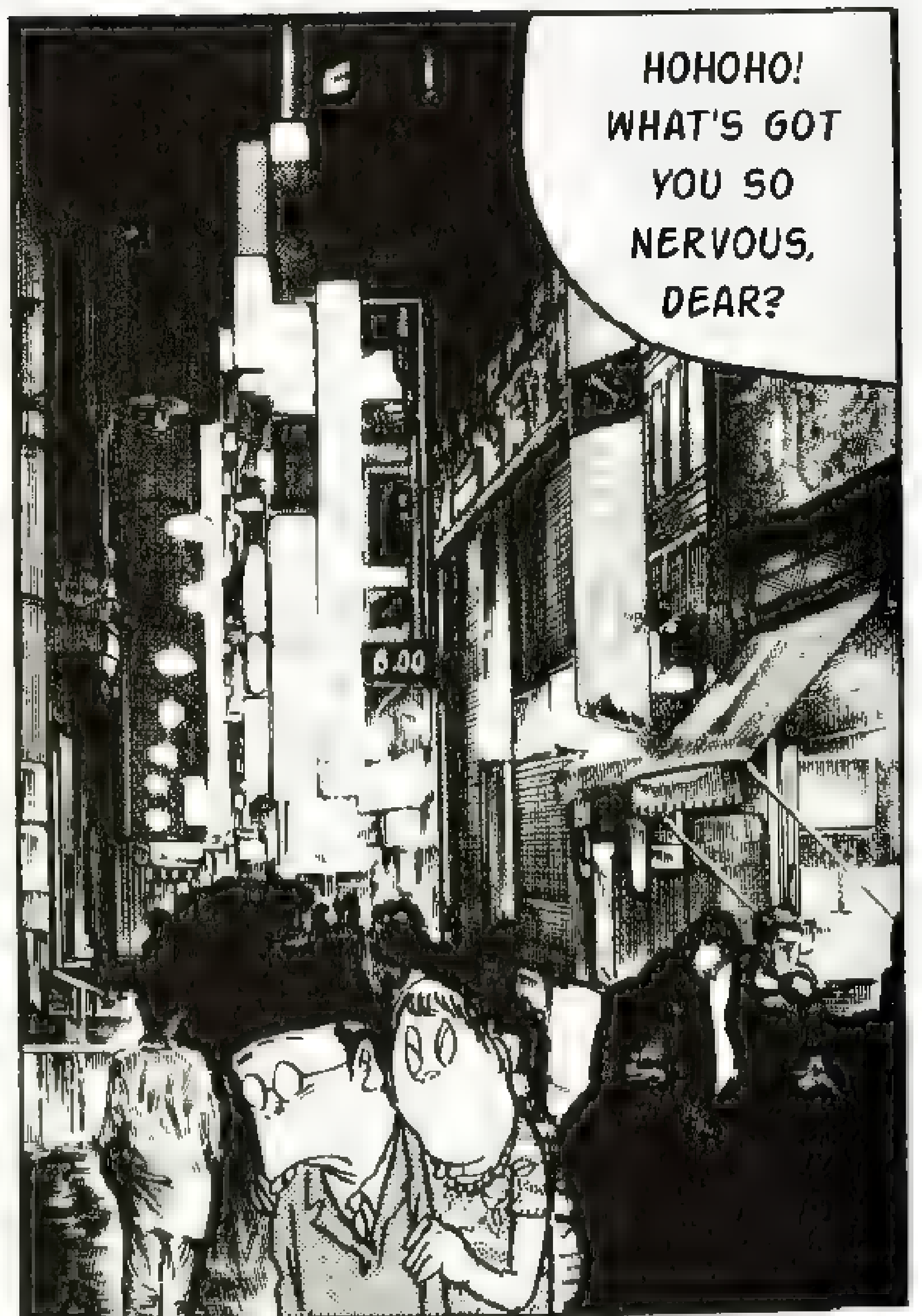
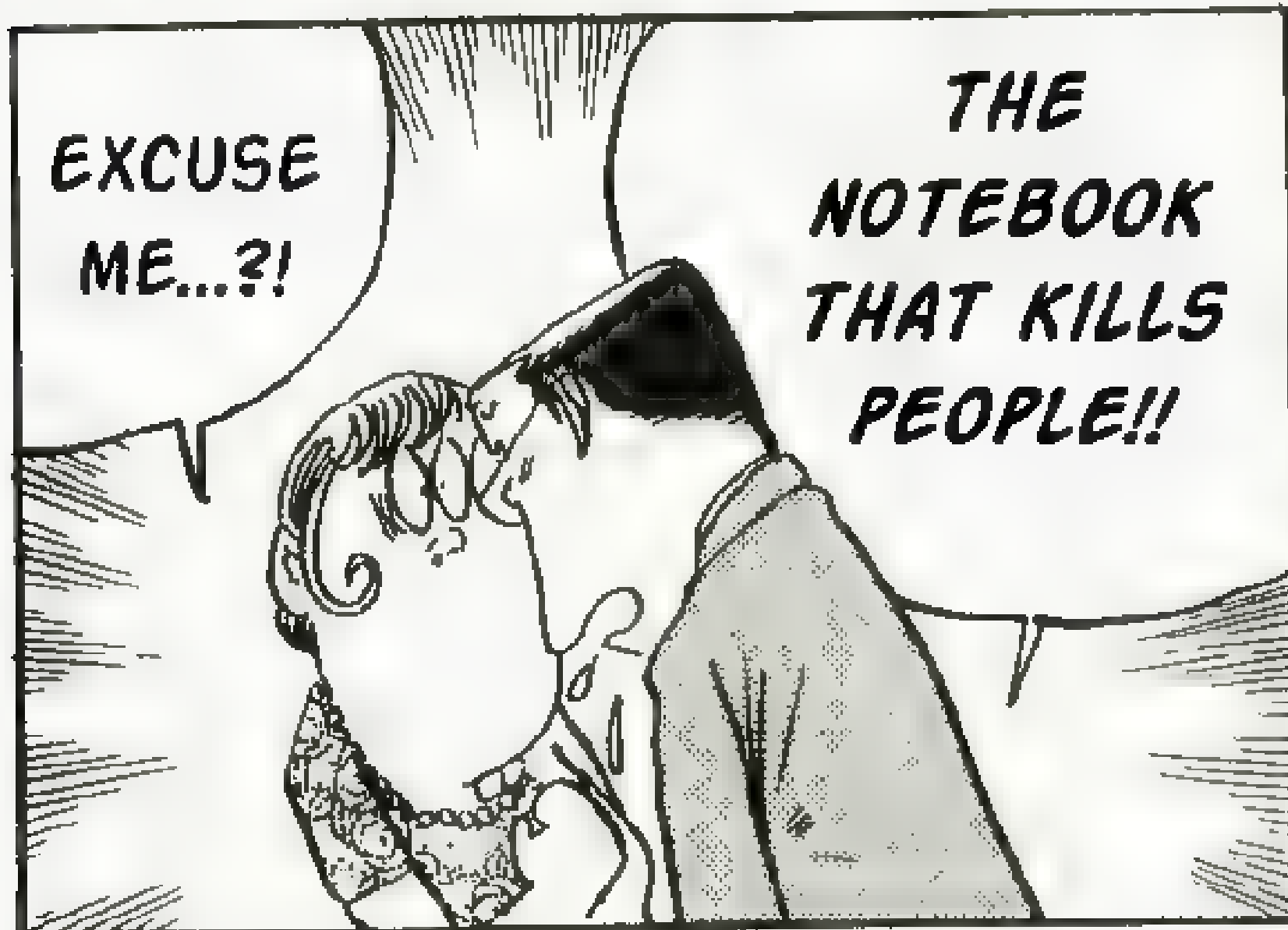
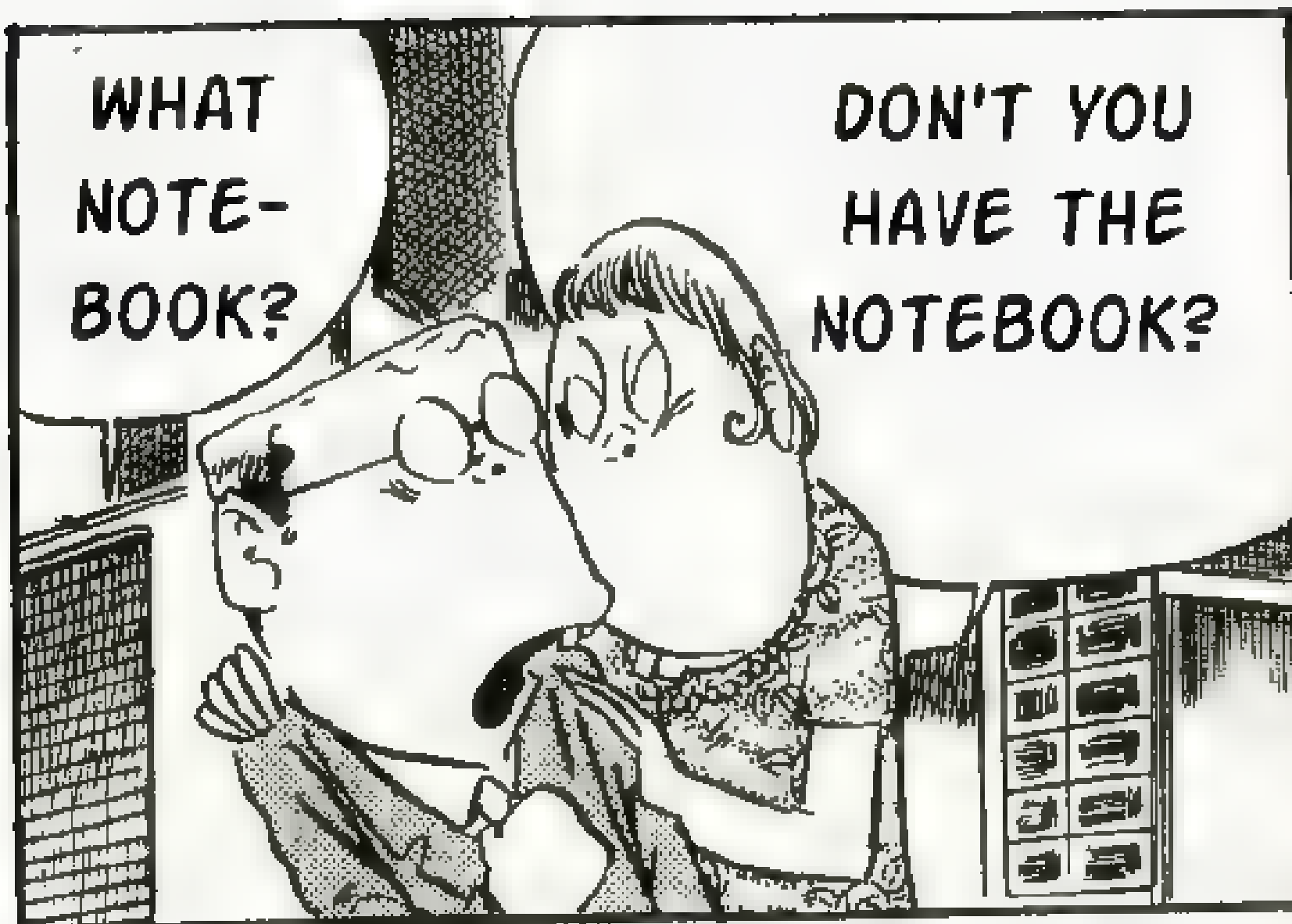
**THIS IS ALL MY FAULT FOR
BEING SEDUCED BY THAT
"NEZUMI" WOMAN...!**

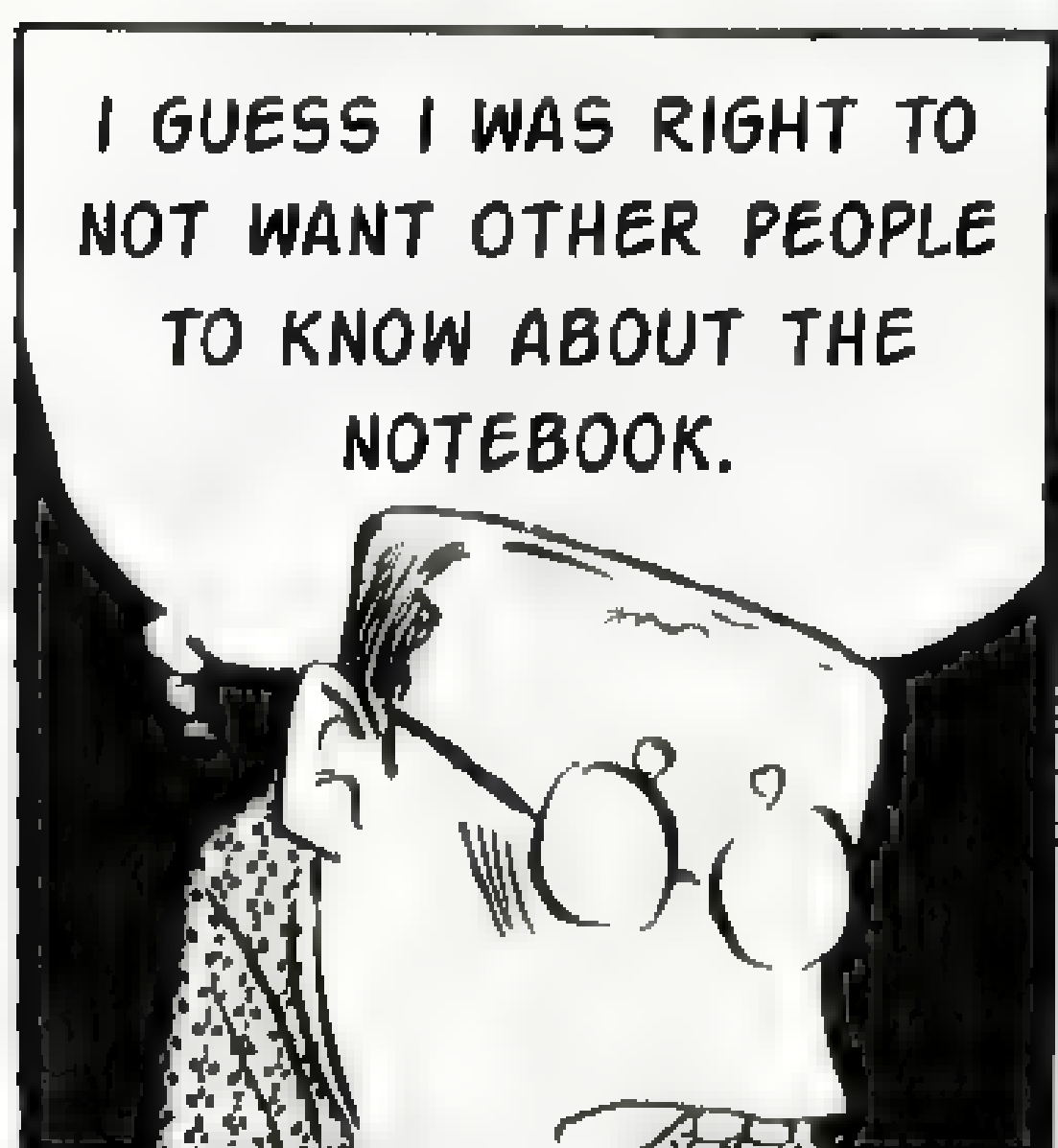
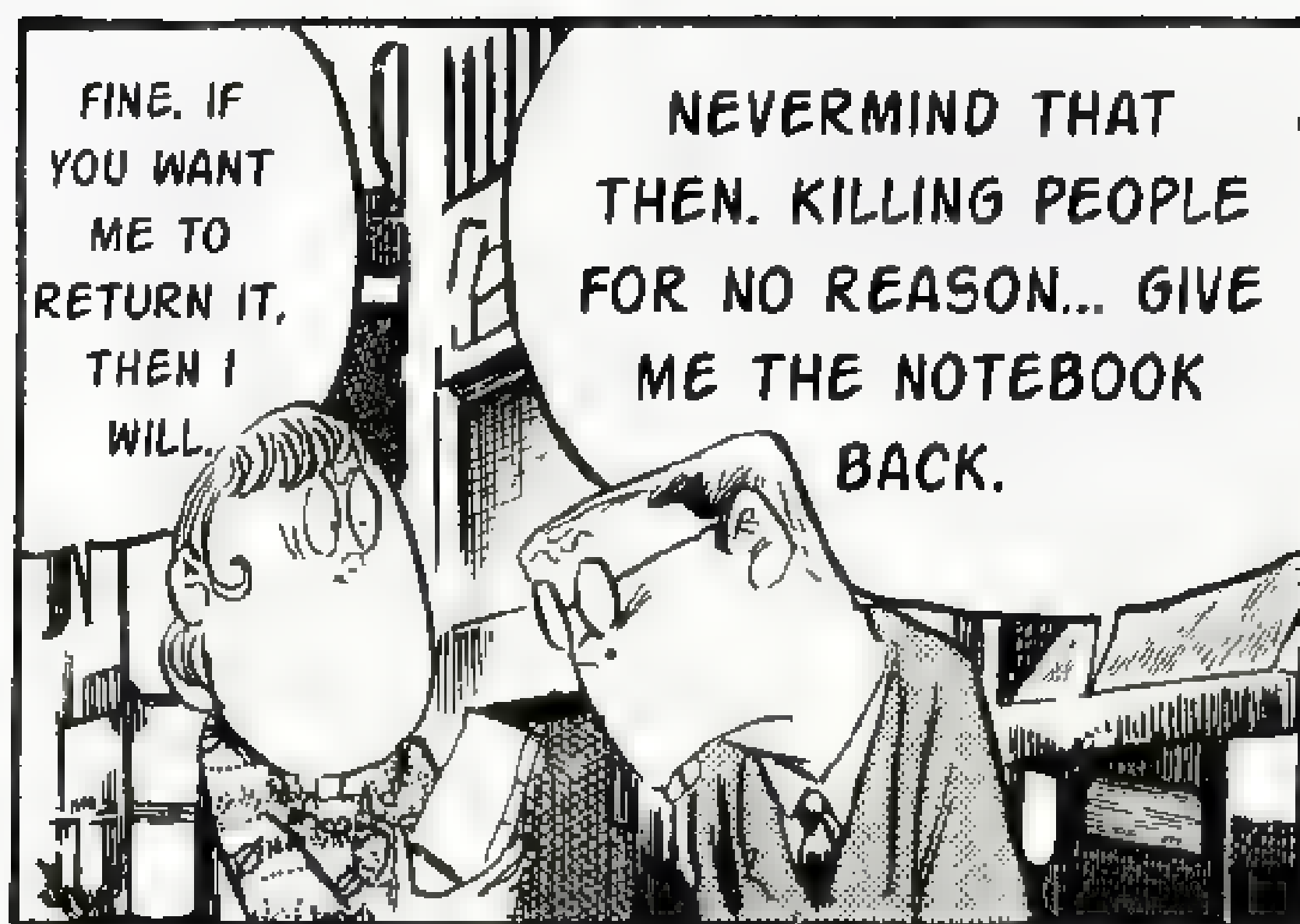


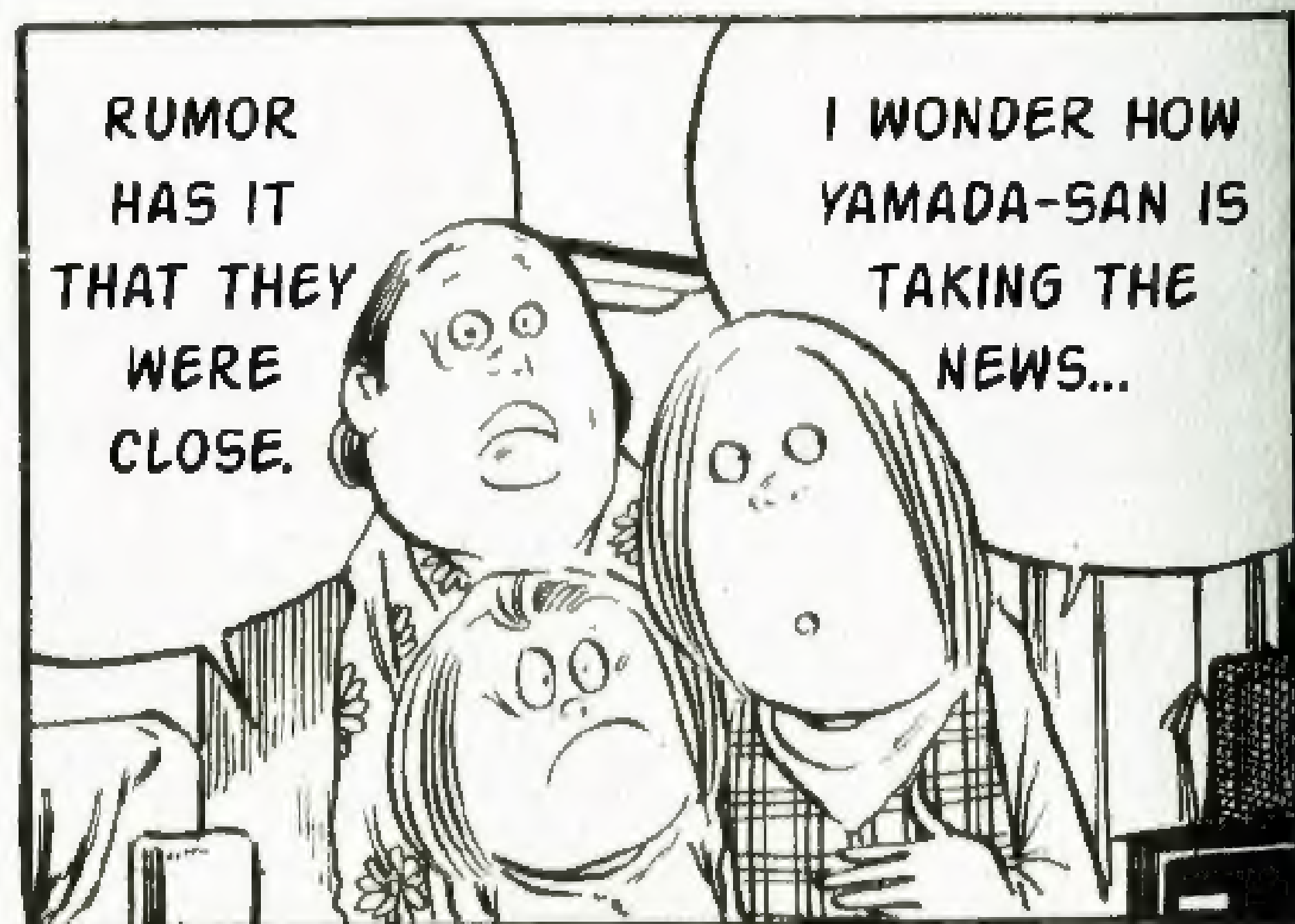
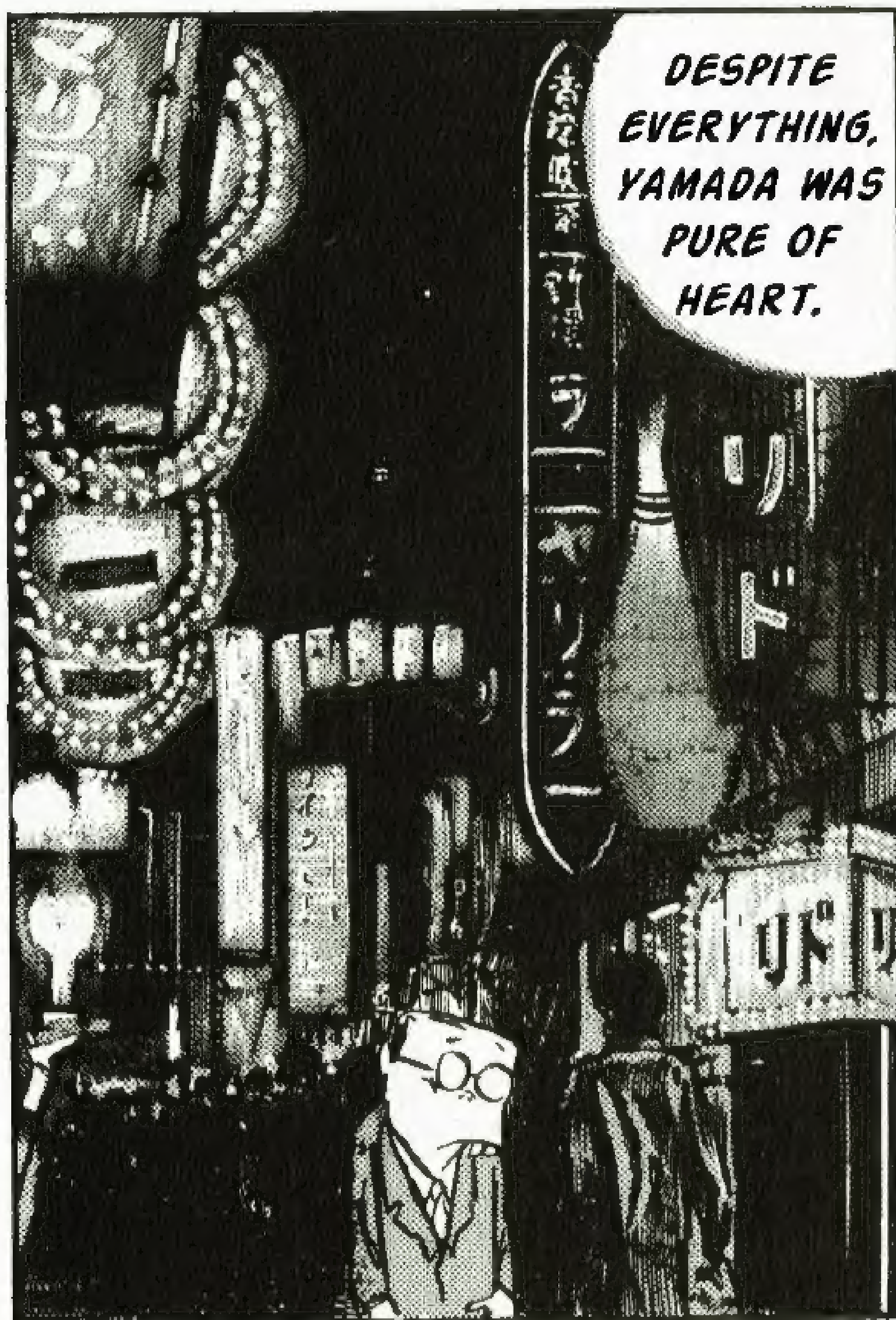
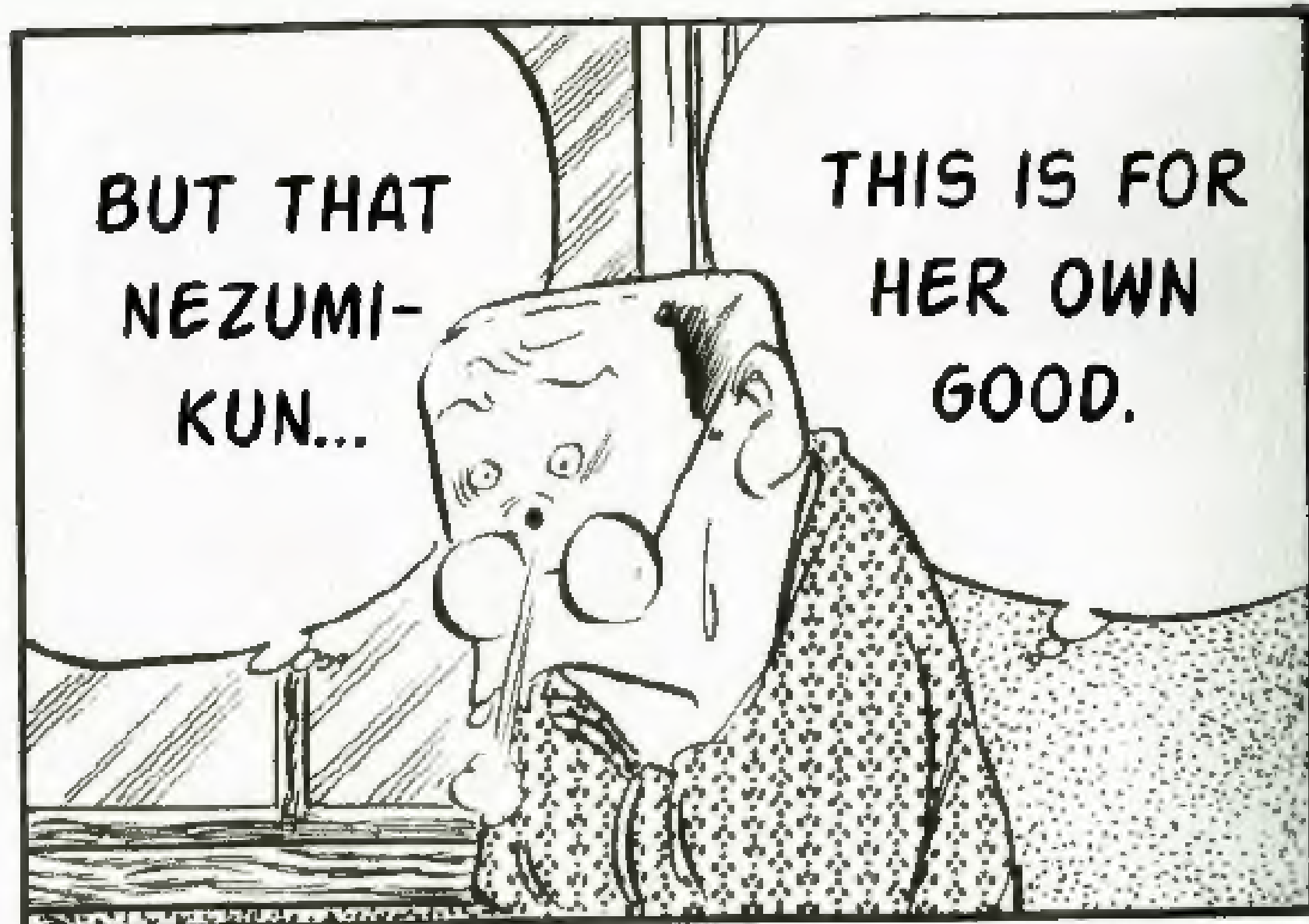
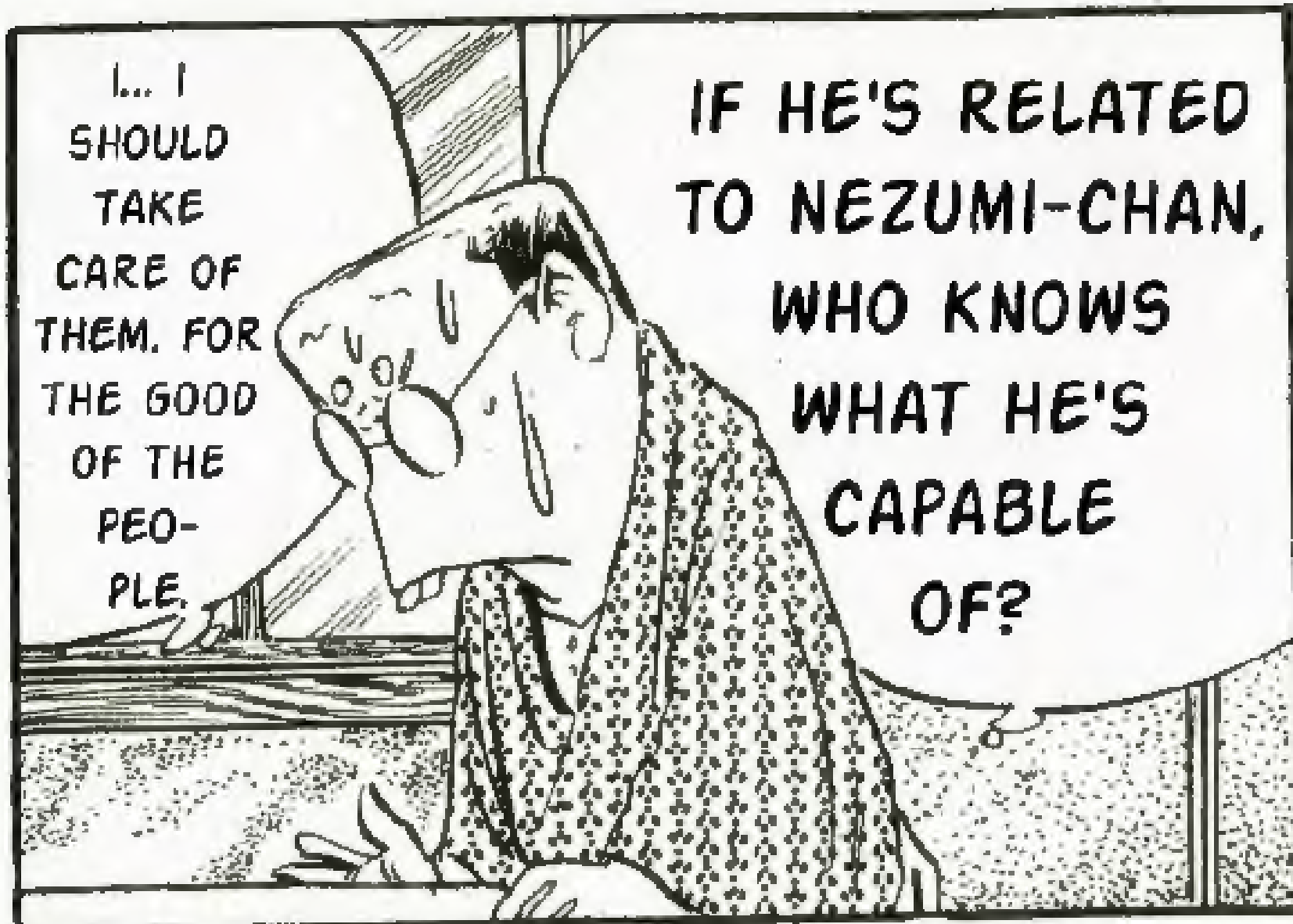
THE MORE
THESE
HORRIBLE
ACCIDENTS
KEEP
HAPPENING...!

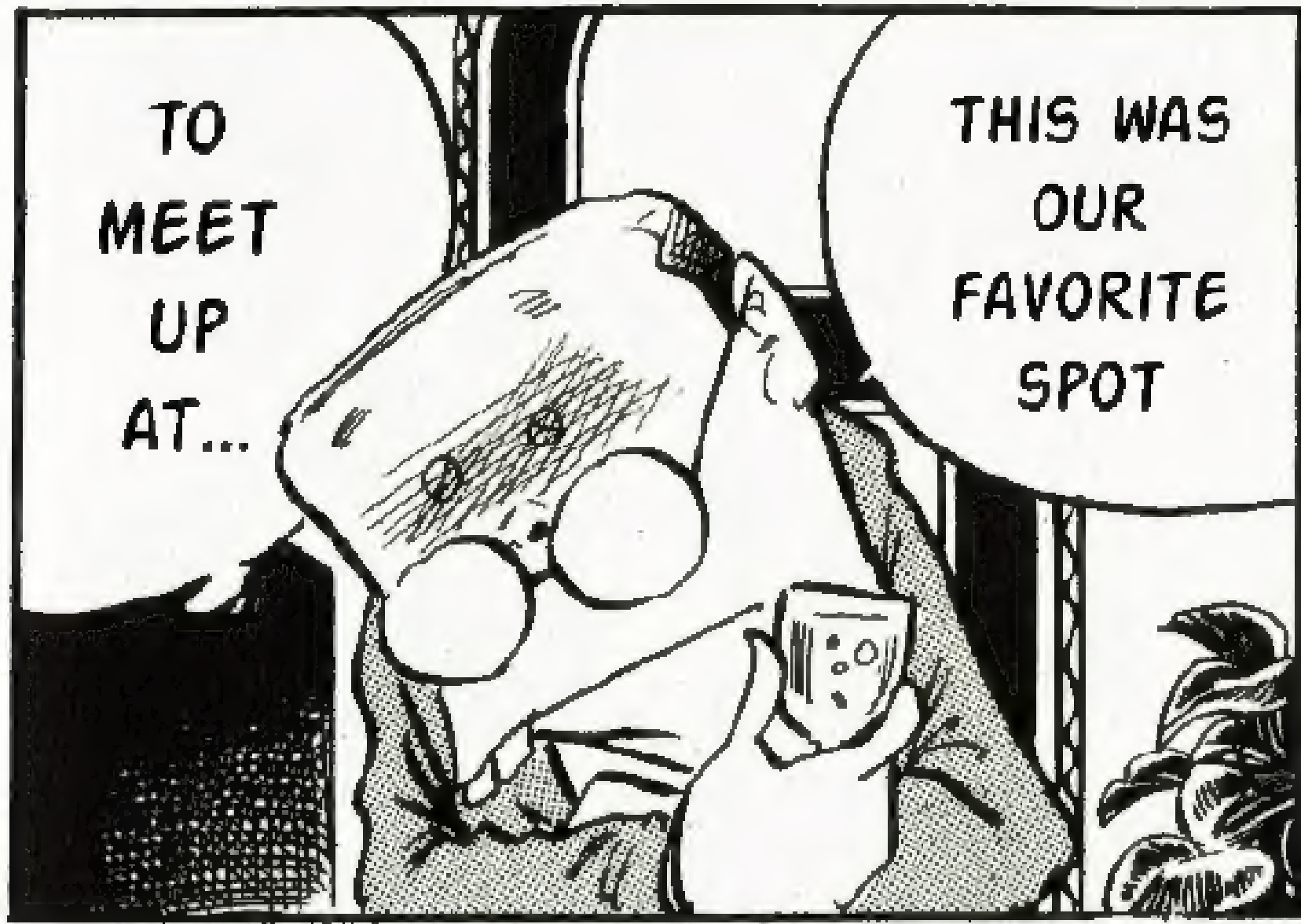
THE MORE I
SPEND TIME WITH
NEZUMI-CHAN...









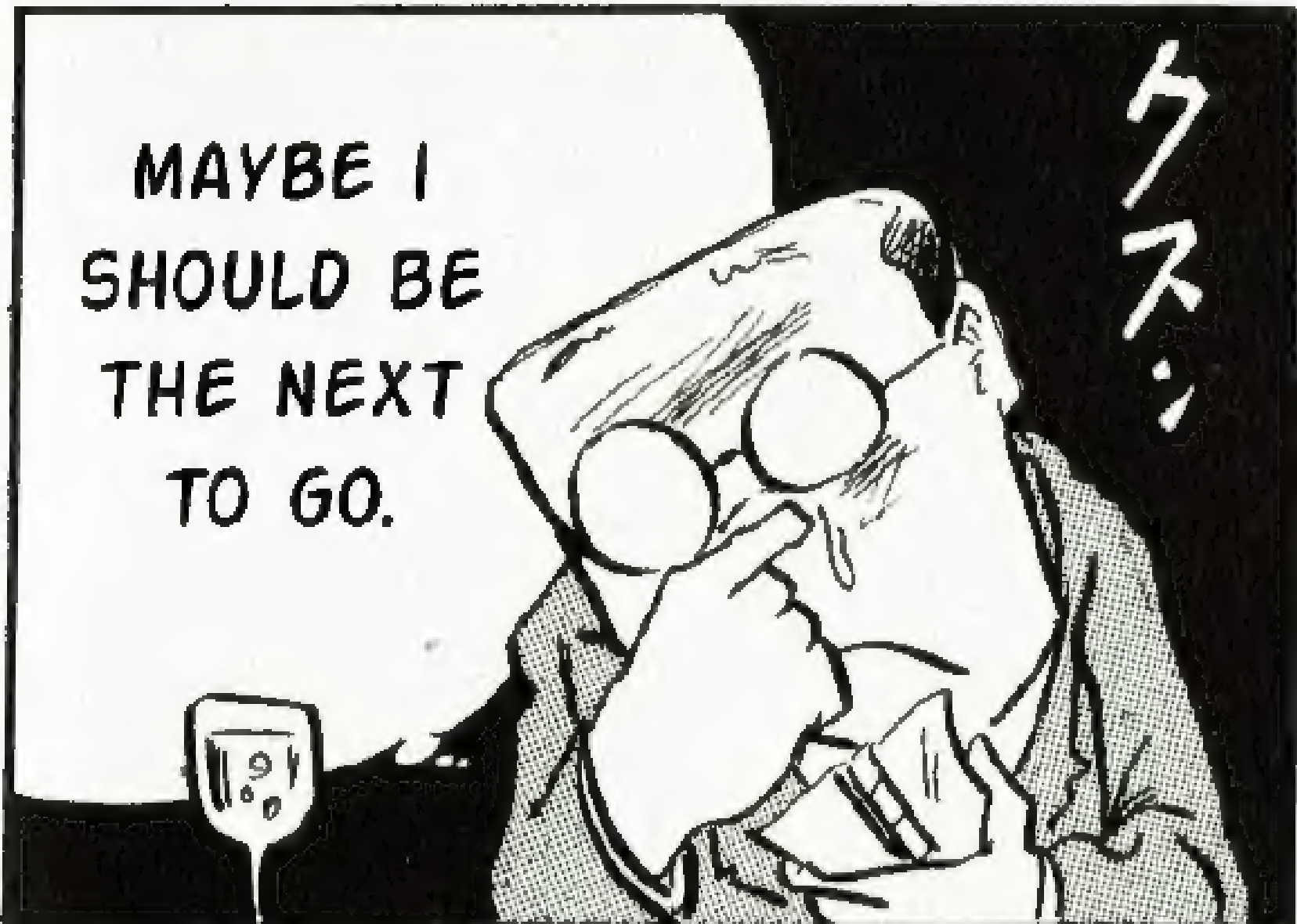


TO
MEET
UP
AT...

THIS WAS
OUR
FAVORITE
SPOT

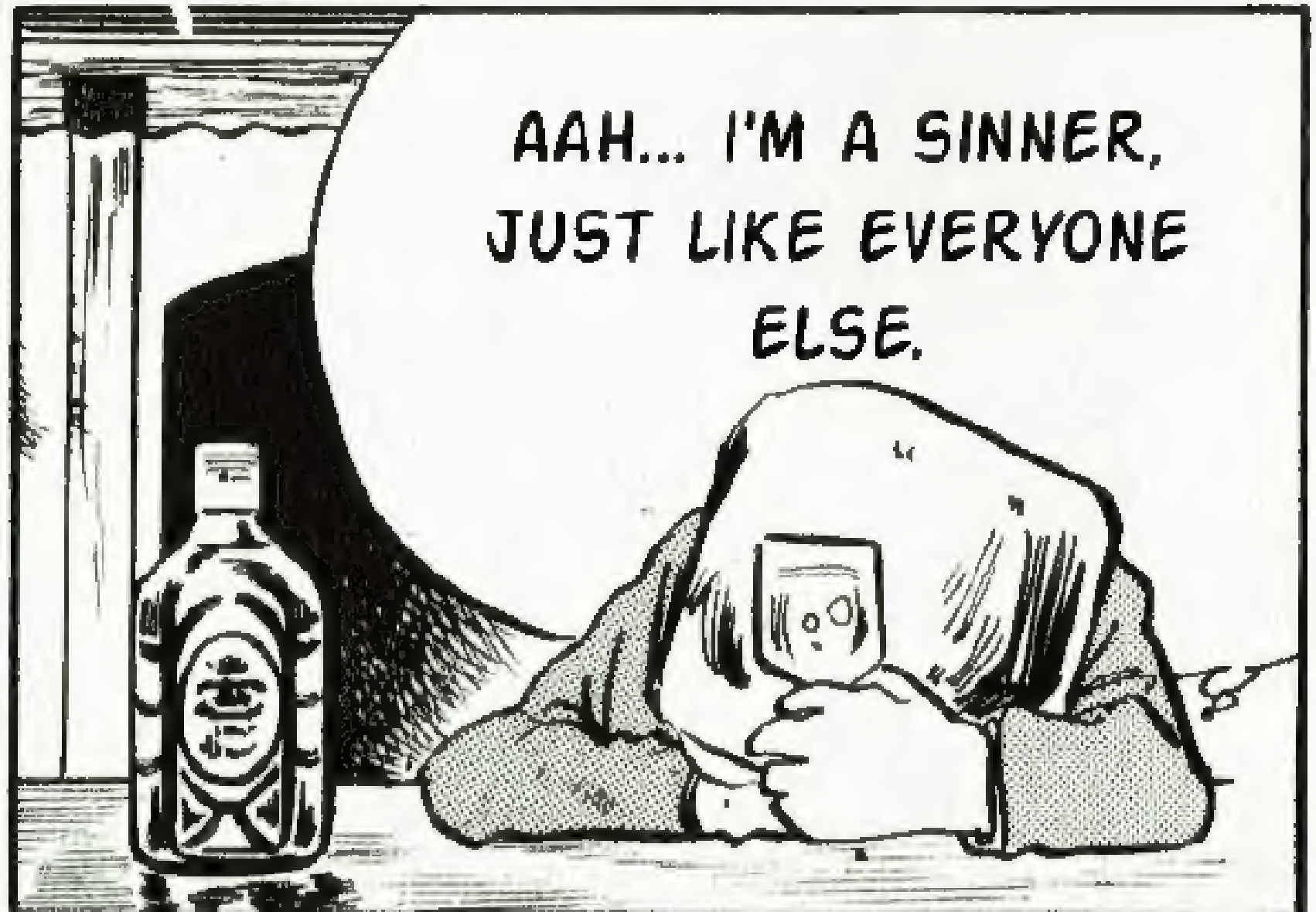


HEEEY! MORE
BOOZE,
PLEASE!

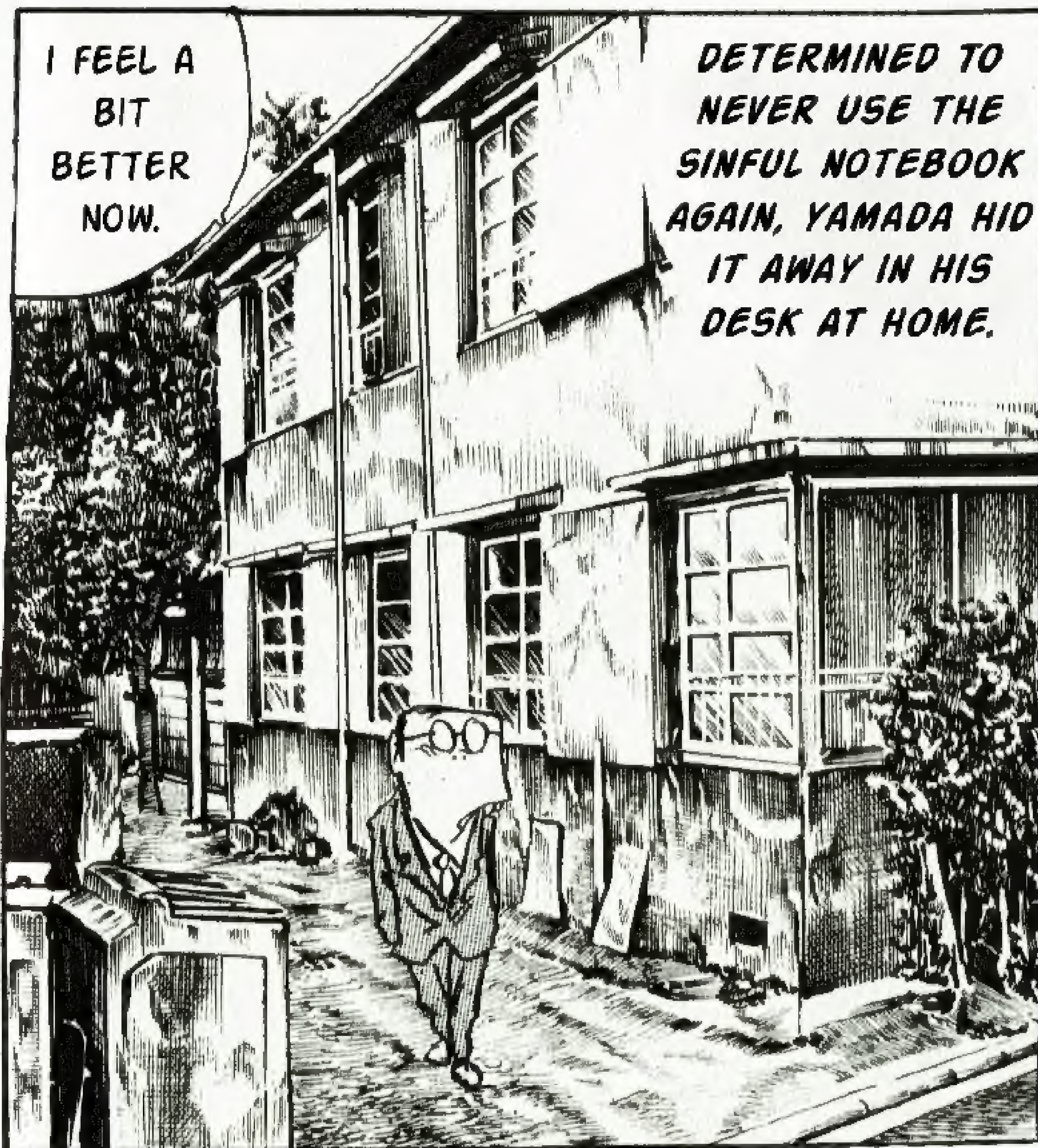


MAYBE I
SHOULD BE
THE NEXT
TO GO.

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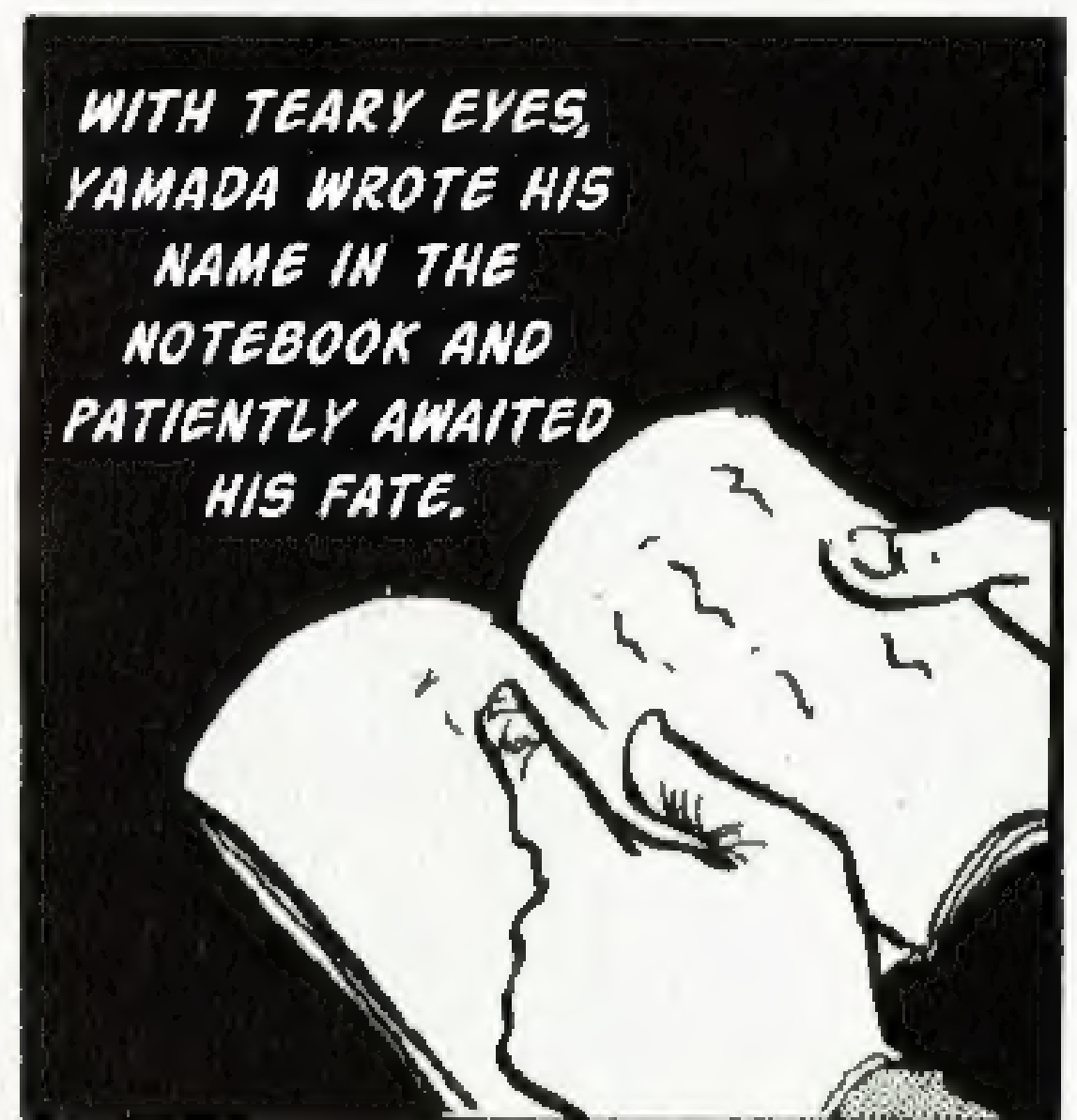


AAH... I'M A SINNER,
JUST LIKE EVERYONE
ELSE.

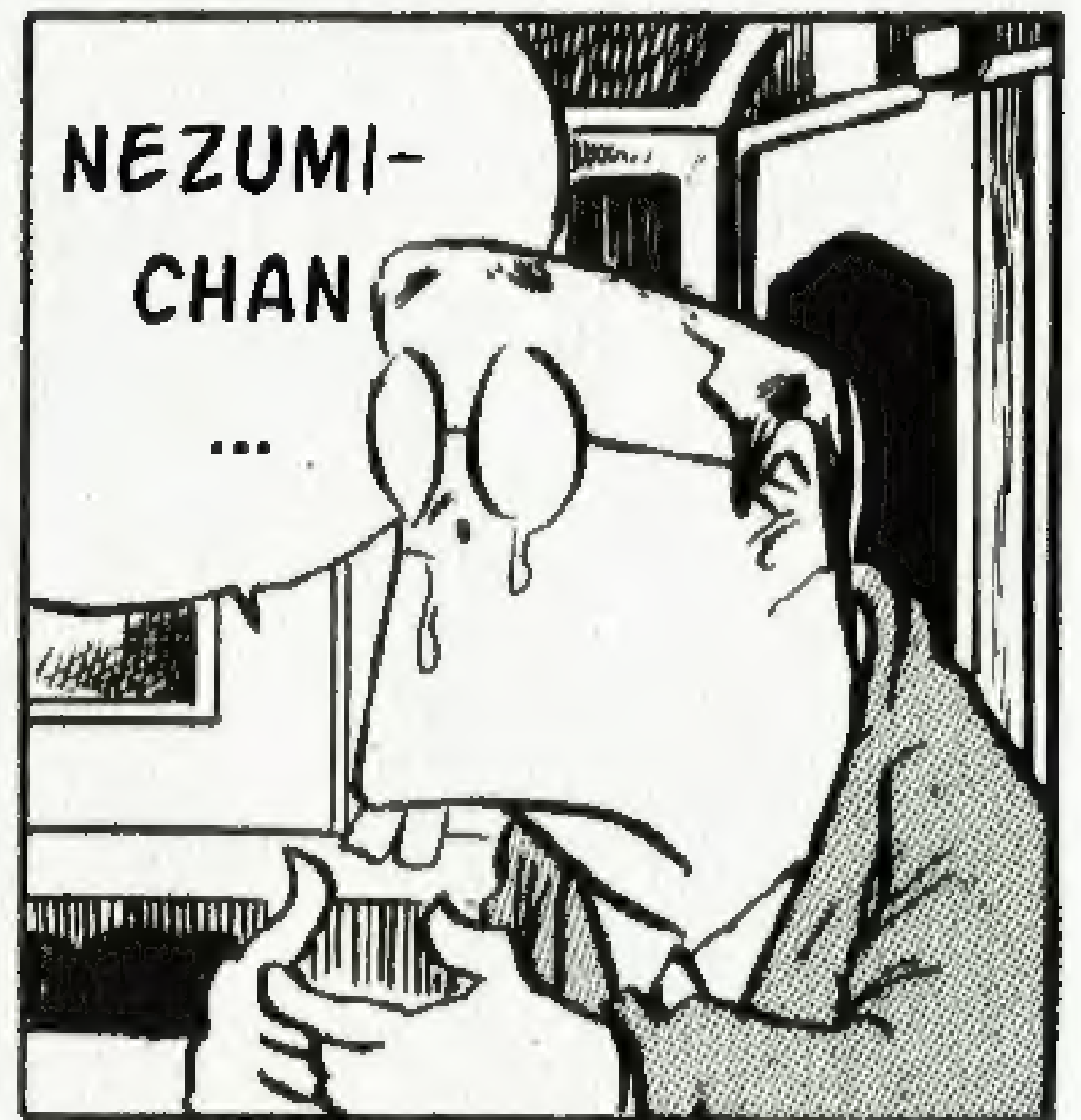


I FEEL A
BIT
BETTER
NOW.

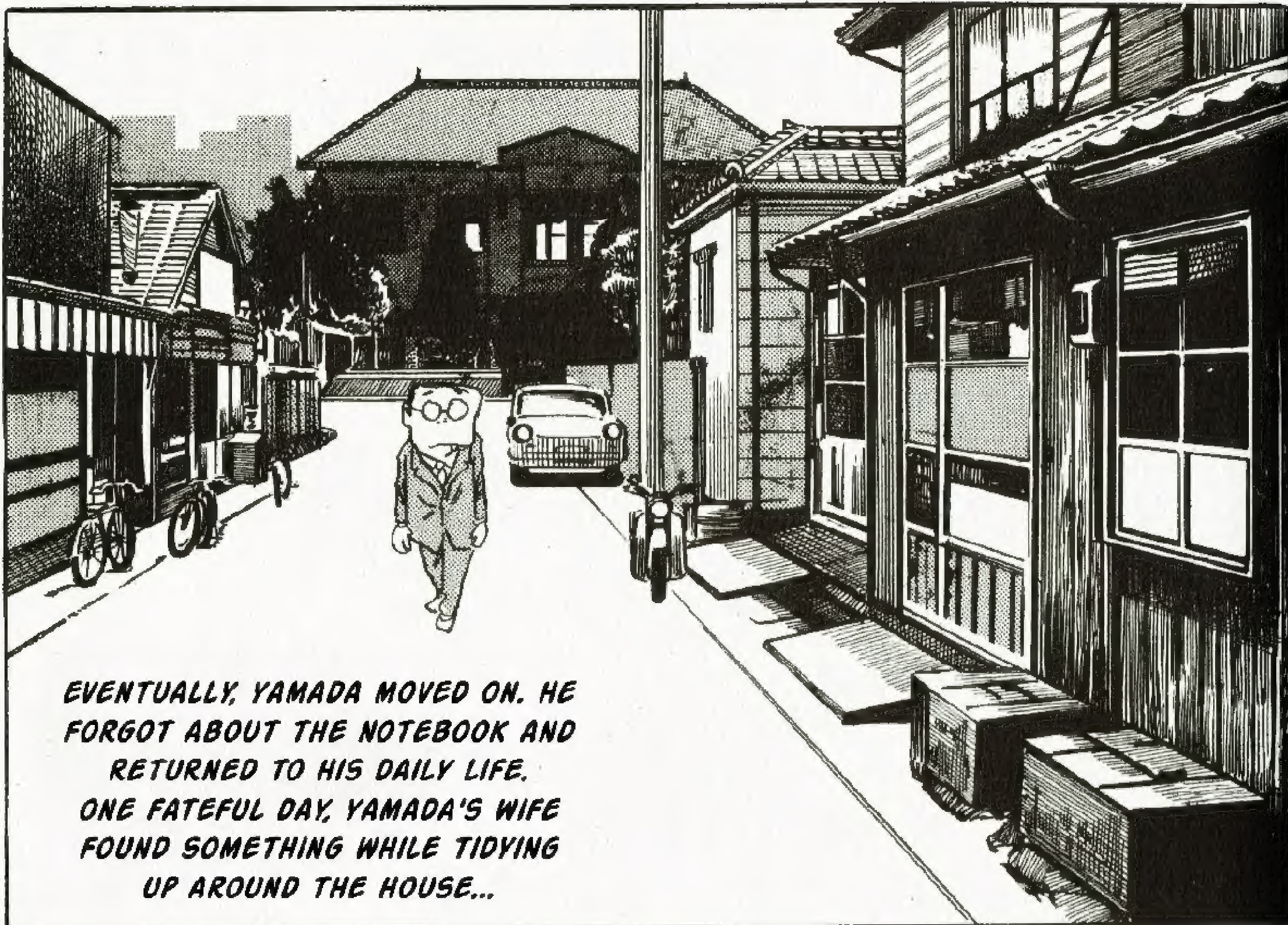
DETERMINED TO
NEVER USE THE
SINFUL NOTEBOOK
AGAIN, YAMADA HID
IT AWAY IN HIS
DESK AT HOME.



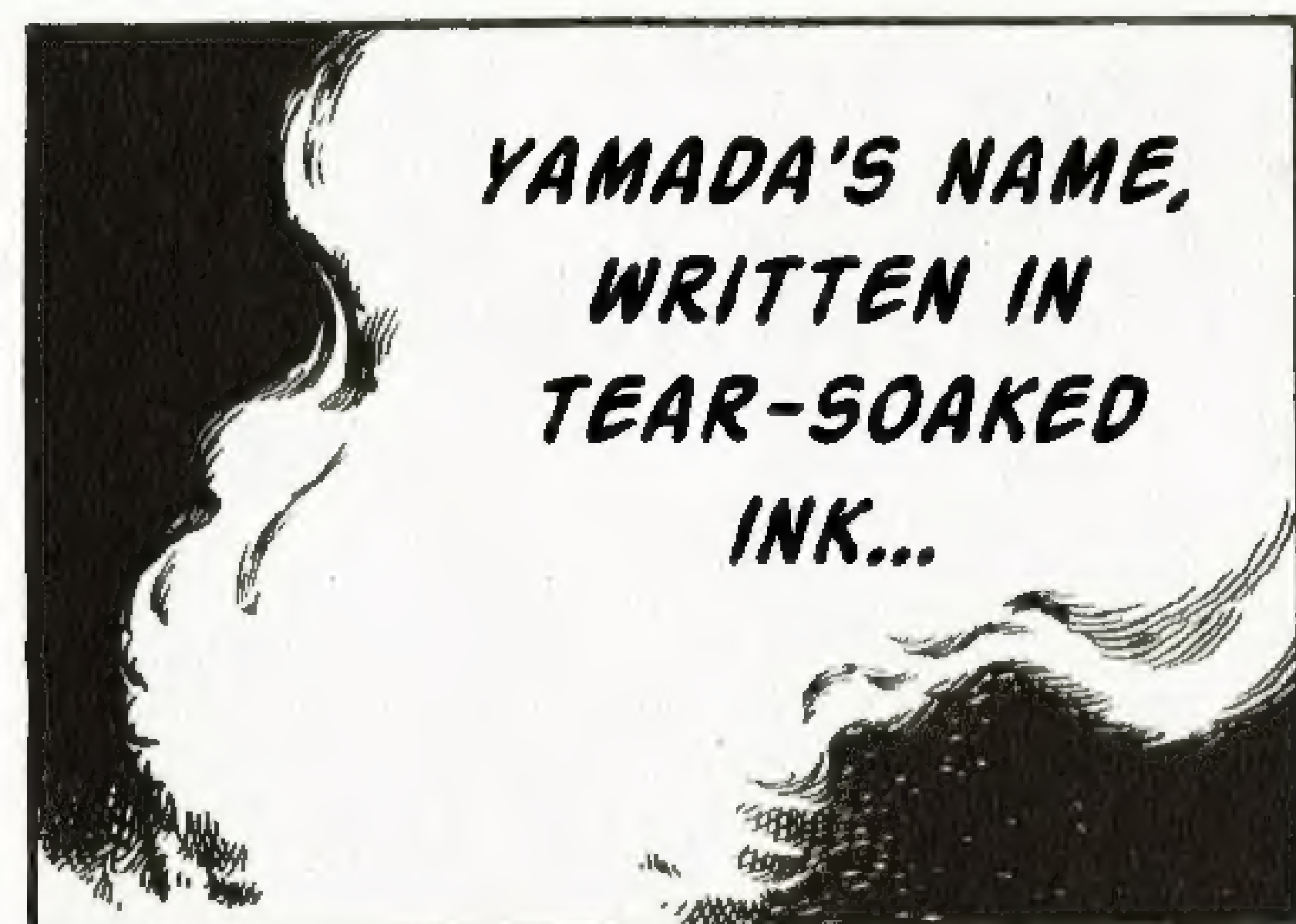
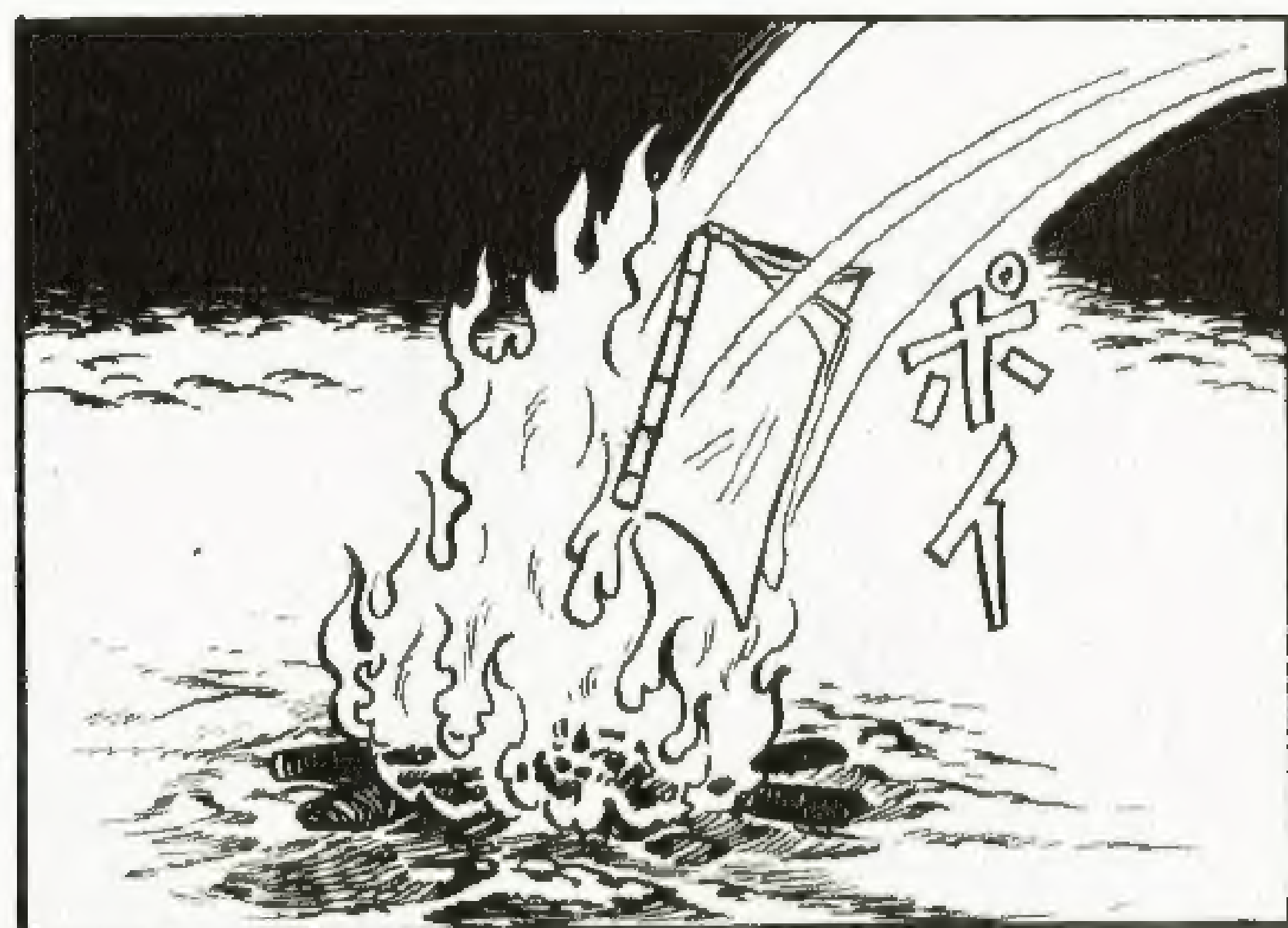
WITH TEARY EYES,
YAMADA WROTE HIS
NAME IN THE
NOTEBOOK AND
PATIENTLY AWAITED
HIS FATE.



NEZUMI-
CHAN
...

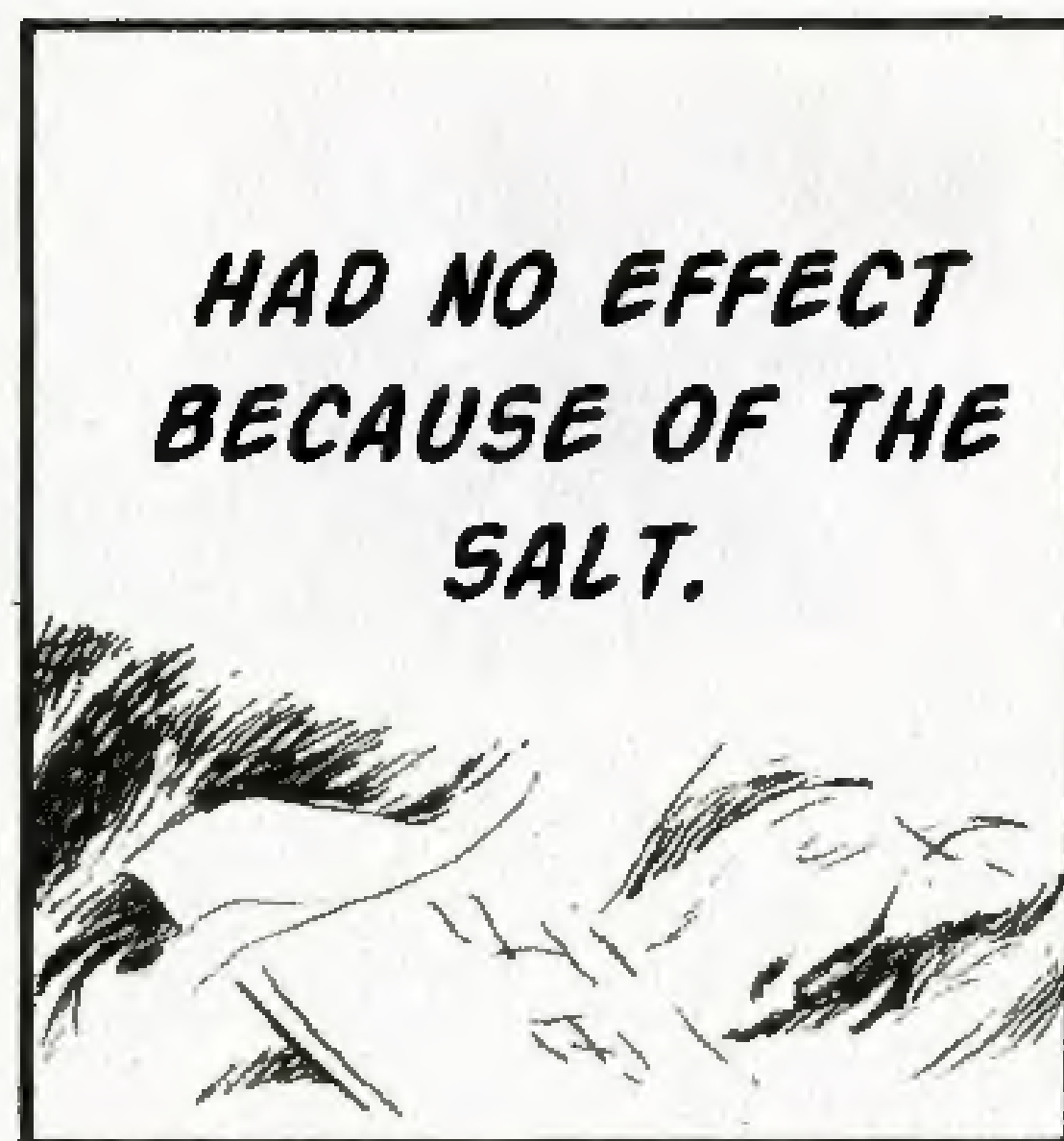


EVENTUALLY, YAMADA MOVED ON. HE FORGOT ABOUT THE NOTEBOOK AND RETURNED TO HIS DAILY LIFE. ONE FATEFUL DAY, YAMADA'S WIFE FOUND SOMETHING WHILE TIDYING UP AROUND THE HOUSE...

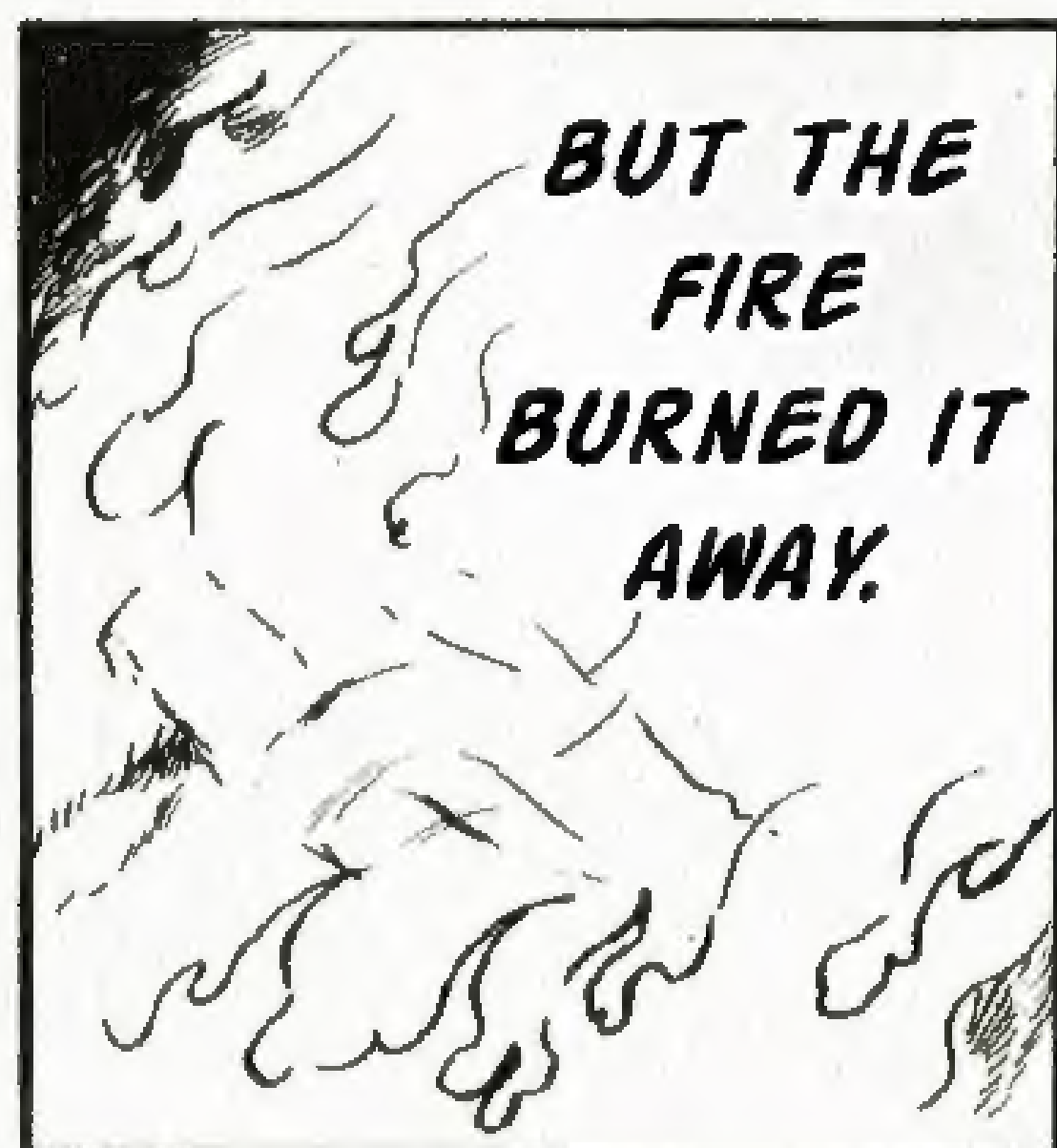




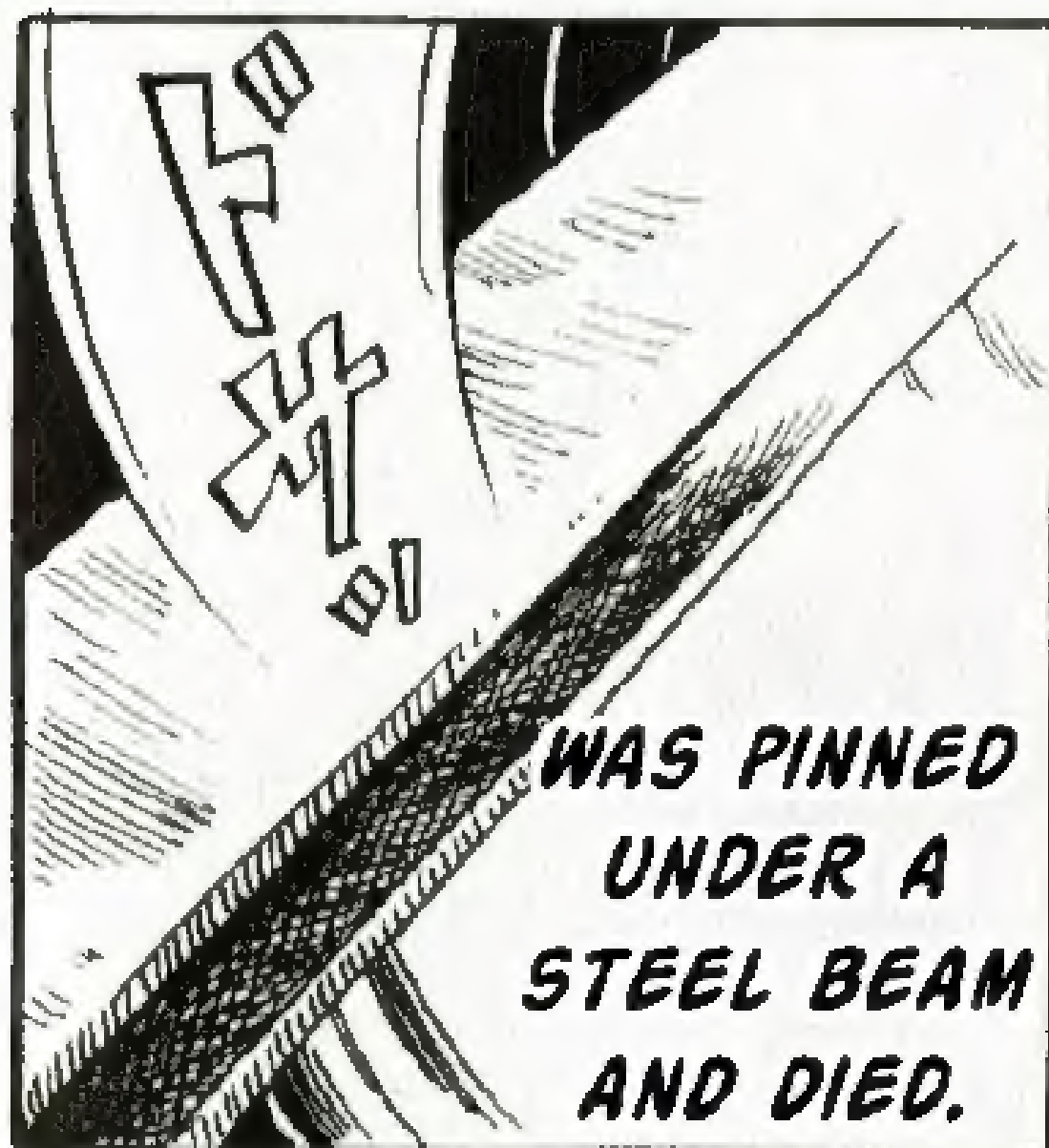
**BEFORE HE
HAD A CHANCE
TO REALIZE**



**HAD NO EFFECT
BECAUSE OF THE
SALT.**



**BUT THE
FIRE
BURNED IT
AWAY.**



**WAS PINNED
UNDER A
STEEL BEAM
AND DIED.**



**SUCH IS
FATE, WHEN
DEALING
WITH THE
MIRACULOUS
NOTE-
BOOK...**



**YAMADA, WHO
WAS WALKING
NEAR A
CONSTRUCT-
ION SITE**